

Turkey, Cranberries—and Smiles



HUNGRY?—Sailors at Oak Knoll hospital will have plenty to be thankful for today when eating time comes around. This picture is proof. Look at the cranberries—'an' they're scarce! And lots of big, fat turkeys, too. Second Cook Ernest Sivertson of Moorhead, Minn., formerly

of the navy, presides. At left, with arm in cast, is Roy Chesnut, S 1-c, of Atlanta, Ga. At right, with arm in sling, is Stanley Stawkowski, S 2-c, of New York City. —Post-Enquirer photo.

Wounded in Hospitals Give Thanks for Many Reasons

There are many reasons for the thousands of hospitalized veterans will know a happy Thanksgiving—and they'll know a Merry Christmas. Arrangements already have been made for their Thanksgiving and for the food it symbolizes. This Christmas is yet to be planned. Through the Veterans Hospital Christmas Committee, they will receive gifts. They will enjoy entertainment and holiday decoration—amenities of this area or organization.

HOW TO AID VETERANS' CHRISTMAS

Those who remember—and who are interested in bringing Christmas cheer into the county's military hospitals—the Army Regional Hospital, Oakland; the Naval hospitals in Oakland, San Leandro, Shohmaker, and the Veterans Hospital, Livermore—are asked to do so through the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

Contributions may be made at committee headquarters, Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Grand Avenue, telephone Glencourt 7782.

from a mess tray alongside a hospital bed, have seen the horrors of war. They have seen death and pain. They know tragedy and a bitter philosophy. They have learned, through fear, through hardships, through long months of illness, the wonders of peace, of sleeping safely in a bed, of eating safely from a tray. The familiar things may be missing: the stuffed turkey and the milk, the football game on Grand Avenue, or the movie, but Alameda County

tions and industry, business firms and unions cooperate to make it possible. Money is needed—\$60,000—to assure each patient of individual remembrance. It's money that can be sent, with thankfulness, by the parents of boys who have returned, with understanding by parents of those who haven't. It can be sent by all who have gratitude and memory in common. Headquarters on Grand Avenue, or a letter to the Veterans' Christmas Committee.



Pfc. Thomas F. Jones, 20, who answers to the nickname of "Chopin," is one of the thousands of veterans who welcome a peacetime Thanksgiving today in one of Alameda County's five military hospitals. Wounded on Iwo Jima, he is sufficiently recovered from arm paralysis to pick out a number on a piano at Oakland Naval Hospital.—Tribune photo.

PEACETIME THANKSGIVING FINDS PEOPLE GRATEFUL

Reverently and with thanksgiving, grateful people today observed their first peacetime Thanksgiving in four years.

It was a day of happiness and plenty, a day of thankfulness for the family that gathered in it, entirely again around the laden table of hope that the seats still empty would soon be filled.

For those who never again will call hunger, want, pain or proud husbands in the hospital tent, it was a day of gratitude that their tragedy, doubt and hope, a thousand times, to come.

In spite of illness and shortness, it was a day of thanksgiving for the first since the beginning of the war. Pockets were full and store, filled, with everything at least will be ready to provide a hearty meal.

PLENTY AND VARIETY

Turkey, cranberries, fruits and vines were plentiful and forethoughtful home made their own plans to give the variety of bread, butter, milk, cranberries, eggs, olives and pickles.

In many homes, it also was the first time in four years that the family sat down together, the first time that father, brother or even mother did not have a shift to work at a shipyard, a job to do in a war-busy plant.

Most companies closed for the day and many of the different installations operated with a field crew.

At Mare Island, the hospital was closed for the day since the start of the war, while service

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Flowers Sought Wards in Naval

BERKELEY, April 1.—Flowers from the homes of local homes are needed to brighten the beds of patients at the Oakland Naval Hospital.

personnel attended church services and ate the Navy's best in the way of turkey and "fixings."

In the hearts of all people civilian and military, the thought of prayer and thankfulness seemed uppermost. Churches were crowded and at military bases, services were given during the day in jammed chapels.

AUDITORIUM SERVICES

Services for the City of Oakland were held in the auditorium theater this morning under sponsorship of Eastbay chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with the Rev. Richard H. Hammond, pastor of St. Ambrose's Church in Berkeley, as main speaker.

At many of the Army installations relatives and guests joined soldiers at dinner, bringing a touch of home to the men who could not leave their stations.

Servicemen and civilians who eat

pies and 500 pounds of ham were placed in ovens, the festivities included ward movies and folk dancing demonstrations, tray favors, candy and nuts and special rates for calls home at the telephone center.

The observance, arranged by the Red Cross, got its start yesterday afternoon with the appearance of Carmen Cavallero and his orchestra.

TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS

Menus at all installations followed the same plentiful pattern of turkey, dressing, pies and all the trimmings. At many, entertainment added to the main business of eating.

Servicemen "in town" for the holidays do not forget.

Turkey dinners were served buffet style all day at Bluejackets' Haven, 1000 Telegraph Avenue, by the Oakland Navy Mothers Club and much was provided for those who wished to dance.

Visitors to the Oakland A.W.V.S. 16th Street Station Canteen found turkey ready early this morning and holiday food was on the counter during the entire day.

Hundreds of servicemen were ex-

Oak Knoll Menu

The Thanksgiving menu at the Oakland Naval Hospital, for sheer abundance, surprised diners served in most homes today, offering thousands of ill and wounded veterans delicacies they have dreamed about for years.

It started with stuffing, cranberry sauce, green onions, then turkey, followed by roast turkey, the Oakland dressing cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, butter-fried turkey livers and baked ham with raisin sauce.

Along with the "main items," the hospital served candied yams, fresh green peas, banana squash, buttered asparagus, southern fried corn and mixed salad.

For dessert patients then got pumpkin pie, ice cream, chocolate, coffee, mixed nuts and oranges.

THE INITIAL 14.9 million dollars approved by Congress provided for the first increment of facilities necessary for a 4,000 man recruit camp.

It contains a training

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total which will be used to build a new hospital and to improve the existing ones. The new hospital will be a 100-bed facility and will be the largest of its kind in the area. The existing hospitals will be improved and modernized.

SOME PORTENTS
In the past, the area has been a center of military activity. The new hospital will be a major addition to the area's military facilities.

Today was a day of thanksgiving for the 11,711 men who arrived in the Bay from Pacific bases today aboard four Navy transports.

The Gen. J. R. Pope arrived from Manila with 1,111 army men. The Allenby came in from Leyte with 1,001 army and 31 army personnel. The Gen. E. T. Collins came from Manila with 3,115 army veterans and the Calbert arrived from Yokohama with 241 soldiers and 988 sailors.

RUSHED ASHORE

Rushed ashore, the men were fed a total of 14 tons of turkey at bay army and navy establishments.

Not faring so well, however, were the 713 soldiers aboard the Liberty ship Cayle Lombard. Due to arrive today for the Thanksgiving reception, she was delayed at sea and will not arrive until tomorrow or the next day.

Being celebrated today in Oakland navy establishments was the Thanksgiving present given hundreds of men yesterday by the navy department—the cut in the discharge point rate.

Turkey and plenty of it was the top item on the menu at all Metropolitan Oakland and bay area bases.

Cooks and galley men worked throughout the night preparing tons upon tons of birds for today's dinners.

At several Oakland installations, servicemen were given a particular break when they were permitted to invite their families and friends to have a military Thanksgiving dinner with them on their bases.

Thanks was given in Oakland today.

GRATEFUL PEOPLE OBSERVE PEACETIME THANKSGIVING

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meals regularly at Port of Embarkation installations at Camp John T. Knight and at Pacific Overseas Air Technical Service Command were authorized to invite relatives and a guest to the mid-day meal.

Personnel assigned to overhead positions at Oakland ASF Regional Hospital also asked guests, but because of crowded facilities patients were not able to issue invitations.

At the Oakland Naval Hospital, where 9600 pounds of turkey, 1000

pected at the Oakland Hospital House, where Daughters of Norway were acting as canteen hostesses, serving full dinners from noon time until night.

MENUS AT JAILS
Menus at the Alameda County and Oakland jails also included the familiar items.

At the Alameda County jail, turkey formed the main entrée, flanked by candied sweet potatoes, green peas, dressing and gravy, Waldorf salad, mince pie and coffee.

Roast pork was on the menu at the prison farm, with vegetable salad, dressing and gravy, sweet potatoes, peas and pie.

Prisoners in the city jail feasted on braised sirloin of beef, with vegetables, mashed potatoes, candied yams, celery, apple sauce, pumpkin pie, apples and smoking tobacco.



Plans for bringing Christmas cheer to thousands of war veterans in Alameda County military hospitals were outlined at a dinner meeting held by the Veterans Hospitals Christmas Committee. Discussing its program are (left to

right) Joseph L. McKee, Christmas committee co-ordinator; Capt. J. M. Brewster, U.S.N., executive officer of Shoemaker Hospital; Capt. Noel H. Petrie, U.S.A., Oakland Army Hospital, and Howard Riggs, co-ordinator. The budget is \$60,000.



Although Christmas is more than three months away, plans for its observance in military hospitals already are being made by the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee. Members include (left to right) Capt. L. R. Reynolds, executive officer U.S. Naval Hospital; Elmer Zollner, Christmas committee co-ordinator; Donald W. Henderson, committee president, and Joseph R. Knowland. Programs, gifts and decorations are planned.—Tribune photos.



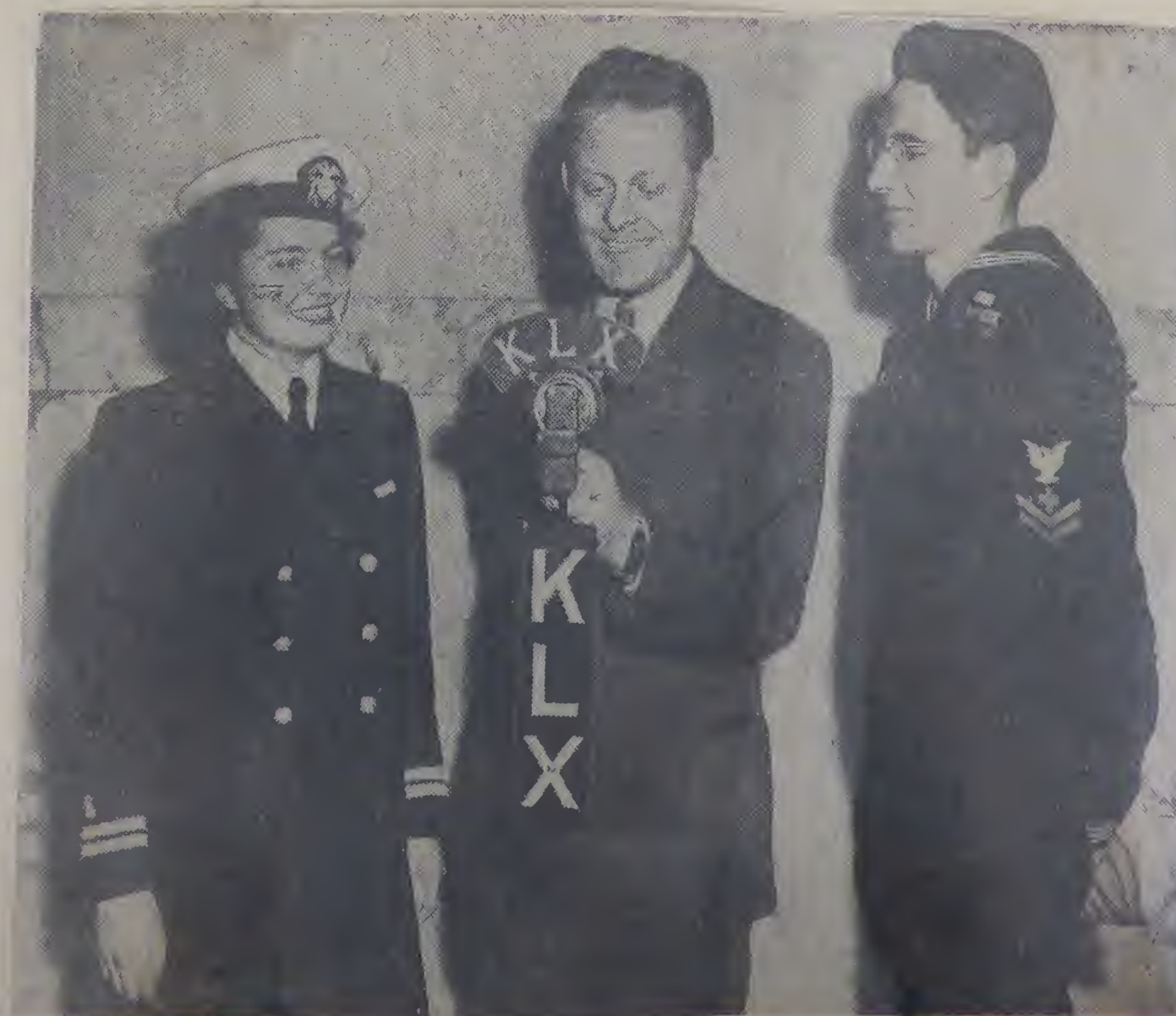
A patient playing Santa Claus added to the festivities for these wounded veterans in Ward 71-A at Oak Knoll Naval

Hospital. This ward won the contest for the best decorated ward sponsored by the Veterans' Hospital Committee.



Lieut. (jg) Ruth Elbe, Navy nurse, leads these patients in Christmas carols in one of the added features to the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee festivities provided for

wounded veterans at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.



Two of the people "who know" told a radio audience yesterday of Christmas at the Oakland Naval Hospital: Lieut. Eleanor DeLoughery (left), Navy nurse, and Phm 2c Jack Ragsdale, who won the Silver Star and Purple Heart at Saipan. They were interviewed by Bill Stevens, chief KLX announcer, in behalf of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

Chance To Cheer Wounded

"The last Christmas I spent at home was in 1939."

That was the story today of Cpl. Lester Clark, 24-year-old marine from Fresno who is hospitalized at the Oak Knoll naval hospital.

Even though he is close to home, Clark faces the prospect of spending his sixth holiday season away from family and friends, and to a veteran marine fighter who participated in nearly every Pacific campaign, that's a "pretty gruesome thing."

JOINED IN 1940

Clark entered the marine corps in June, 1940, and four months later went overseas. He returned stateside in September, 1943, but was sent back in April.

June 7 he stopped a Jap bullet at Okinawa and was sent home for hospitalization.

Boyd Ross, 19-year-old seaman 1-c, USNR, of Sayre, Okla., will spend his second Christmas away from home this year. He is hospitalized at Oak Knoll for a broken left leg received at Okinawa.

Clark and Ross haven't a chance of getting home for Christmas.

Why don't you bring their Christmas to them?

Donate now to the Northern California War Wounded fund, sponsored jointly in the bay area by The Post-Enquirer, The San Francisco Examiner and The San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

ANY DENOMINATION

Open your hearts and your pockets to these wounded veterans. Give anything—a dime, a dollar, a thousand dollars. The bigger the donation is, the better.

Bring your donations to the business offices of The Post-Enquirer or mail them to the Northern California War Wounded Fund Editor, The Post-Enquirer, 1751 Franklin street, Oakland (12).

Let these wounded veterans know that Oakland area welcomes them with a friendly handclasp.

Don't delay.

Turn in your contributions today!

Aid Yule Fund for Them!



OKINAWA TO HOSPITAL — One of the big battles that paved the way for triumph over the Japanese was the American victory at Okinawa. Here are two servicemen who aided in that fight and wounds suffered there have put them under treatment at Oak Knoll hospital. The Northern California War Wounded

Fund will help make their Christmas merrier. Send or bring your contributions to The Post-Enquirer. Boyd Ross, 19, S 1-c, USNR, of Sayre, Okla., talks with Cpl. Lester Clark, 24 (on bed), of Fresno. The last Christmas Clark spent at home was in 1939.

—Post-Enquirer photo.



Injured before he got to fight, S Ic George Ryder, a patient at the Oakland Naval Hospital, is one of the men who will know a Merry Christmas with your help.

Shy Maine Lad, 18, Won't See Yule Snow 'Til His Hurts Heal

Youthful Veteran Must Spend Another Holiday Season in Oakland Hospital

Just 18 years old, Elc George Ryder hasn't yet lost the shyness which made him blush when he was spoken to, the sensitivity that made him flustered when his picture was taken.

He's one of the thousand hospitalized in Alameda County's military hospital, one of the wounded veterans who will know another Christmas away from home.

New Downtown Office

New downtown headquarters were opened today by the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, where contributions can be left and help can be offered.

The office, at 415 13th Street, adjoining the lobby of The Tribune Tower, will be supplemented by another office in the Veterans Memorial Building.

It will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may be reached by telephone at TW 4-1921.

He's very like the picture of the "average" son, carried in many hearts, of the first American youth who becomes the hope and backbone of the American community.

STATE OF MAINE

He'll be ribbed by the other patients who share his ward at the Oakland Naval Hospital, when they read this. Inwardly, he may be pleased and maybe he'll carefully cut this story from the paper to

mail to the folks back home in Ellsworth, Me.

And Maine! That's a place for you, he said . . . the very word bringing sparkle to his eyes and eagerness to his conversation. Lobsters, sea food, home—his ideas of Christmas include snow—"and how," the white Christmas of lore and of good New England people.

George is one of the boys whose Christmas—California variety—is the sacred trust of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

The snow will be missing, the food won't be like his mother's. The air will lack crispness and the trees will seem smaller and less green.

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Now George is away from home and with your help he'll have the very best Christmas possible in one of the Coast's best naval hospitals.

Because he can walk a bit, he can decorate a tree. He can help put up other decorations and hang mistletoe. He'll be entertained and participate in parties and either on Christmas Eve or morning—he can choose—he can open a gift addressed and wrapped for him personally.

The contributions which will make this possible can be sent to committee headquarters at the Veterans Memorial Building or to their new quarters at 415 13th Street, in the lobby of The Tribune Tower.

Hospital Christmas Committee Begins Work for Veterans' Yule

Christmas shopping is already being done by members of the Veterans Hospital Christmas committee, who every year stage a Yuletide celebration with presents, decorations and entertainment for the thousands of war veterans in Alameda County military hospitals.

Examples of the presents being selected this year were exhibited at a dinner in the Officers Club at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, at which members of the committee of hospital commanding officers were the guests of Capt. A. H. Dearling, Oak Knoll commanding officer. More than \$3000 already has been contributed to the \$60,000 budget this year, Donald W. Henderson, committee president, was advised by Donald B. Rice, finance chairman.

\$43,362 CONTRIBUTED

Last year, 2398 organizations and individuals in Oakland and throughout Northern California, contributed \$43,362 to the Christmas fund.

Hospitals served are the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland; U.S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro; U.S. Naval Hospital, Shoemaker; U.S. Army Hospital, Oakland, and U.S. Veterans Hospital, Livermore.

Last year 515 Christmas trees were set up in the hospitals and decorated. More than 20,000 ornaments were used, most of which were made by volunteer workers.

Hospital ward decorations included 1754 Christmas wreaths, 550 plaques, 22,500 feet of redwood garlands, 660 bundles of pine sprays and cones, and 10,000 feet of Christmas lights.

Presents were provided for every

patient in the hospitals, including nearly 2000 who arrived in a last-minute convoy from the fighting fronts in the South Pacific.

\$23,307 FOR GIFTS

Of last year's budget, \$23,307 was used to purchase gifts. For professional entertainment at all the hospitals and in all the wards throughout the Christmas season, the committee appropriated \$10,404.

"This year we expect to entertain an even greater number of veterans of this war at the hospitals. The war is over, but not in the hospitals," said Henderson.

The committee began its operations more than 20 years ago, providing Christmas cheer for World War I veterans at the Livermore Hospital.

Functions of the committee were expanded after Pearl Harbor to include all military hospitals in Alameda County.

Offices of the Veteran Hospitals Christmas Committee are in the Veterans Memorial Building, 200 Grand Avenue; telephone GL 4-7782.

Officers, co-ordinators and committee chairmen this year in addition to Henderson and Rice are R. C. Bitterman, Leonard J. Meltzer, Miss Mary Valle, Walter J. Lee, Robert Ash, Harold V. Boggs, Mrs. John Dubinske, B. A. Forsterer, Mrs. John F. Mullins, James Paps.

J. W. Garthwaite, Howard B. Riggs, Mrs. A. J. Mathebat, A. J. McGarry, Ellmer P. Zollner, Bernard Owens, Herman Wente, Ernest E. Vosper, Joseph L. McKee.

Edwin Meese Jr., Mrs. L. F. Groogan, Mrs. Mildred K. Moore, L. H. Taylor and Mrs. Grover Wendland.



An ex-cowboy from Texas, Pfc. Johnny Long, landed with the Marines at Peleliu, picked up a bullet and has been hospitalized since. He enjoyed the Christmas provided by the Veteran Hospitals' Committee last year, will be at the Oakland Naval Hospital for this one.—Tribune photo.

HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS NEARS AGAIN FOR COWBOY-MARINE

Johnny Long of Texas Still at Oak Knoll, And He Well Remembers Last Year's Fun

This Christmas business is old stuff to Cowboy Johnny Long from Edna, Tex.

As a matter of fact, he was at the Oakland Naval Hospital last year when the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee rustled up decorations and presents.

He saw the shows and helped with the tree in his ward. He opened his present Christmas Eve because he couldn't wait and he still remembers, a year later, what he felt.

"Gee, it was swell!"

Serious, quiet-spoken Pfc. John H. Long, at 20, is one of the old-time patients at Oak Knoll. The only change for him, in 12 months, is in the wiggle of his fingers.

ARMY PARALYZED

His arm was paralyzed when Christmas rolled around in 1944. His arm still is partially paralyzed, but now—after 14 months treatment—he can stretch his fingers or make a fist. He has another six months to go, at least, before expected nerve recovery is complete.

So Johnny Long, who liked to ride the range, will be one of the men who twice will know the kindness of people, the thoughtfulness of the Christmas committee.

He'll still be hanging his hat in Ward 54 of the hospital, the nerve injury ward where some of the miracles of medical treatment have taken place.

He'll be there for Christmas and because of the committee's Yuletide fund, he again will see the entertainment and the decorations; he'll receive his gift; he'll hear the familiar carols and smell the fragrant trees.

He'll know another break in long months of hospital routine; he'll have another memory to erase that other memory of September 16, 1944—and the day after the landing at Peleliu.

WITH FIRST MARINES

With the First Marine Division, which invaded the island, scaling cruelly sharp ridges, fighting a strange war against cave-hidden Japs, Long was hit on the second day of battle.

A machine gun bullet smashed through his left shoulder, severing an artery, damaging the nerves in the arm, ending that type of war for the young marine.

Long had fought before then—four months in the Russell Islands—and he has fought since—against depression, boredom, pain.

It's for his Christmas—and for thousands like him—that the committee asked for contributions today. To assure a share in the happiness of Johnny and his hospital buddies, donations may be sent to committee headquarters, 200 Grand Avenue.

Yuletide Cheer Hospital Need

Some of the boys who will greet Christmas from a hospital bed this year will never greet another.

Some will be too sick, perhaps, to realize fully the effort that has been made for their happiness. Some will look with unseeing eyes on the cheery signs wishing all a "Merry Christmas."

The presents wrapped in gay paper may go unopened, the ward parties and the entertainment unnoticed.

To some of the men, boys no longer, it will be another milestone in a long fight against tuberculosis, a fight which in some cases has kept men for more than 10 years in the Veterans Hospital at Livermore.

The group of people which, banded together in the Veterans Hospital's Christmas Committee, has arranged for the holiday of the ill and wounded in Alameda County's five military hospitals well know that some will die, that some will be too ill to know of "Peace on earth—good will to men."

They also know the worth of a small bit of cheer, the fragrance of a Christmas tree, perhaps, to a man who no longer can see; the sound of carols or the happy laughter of other men.

They remember the men who died happy, after years of hospitalization, because he at last had received the traveling bag he long had coveted. They remember the young Marine who breathed his last while an accordion softly played "Silent Night."

For them, as well as for those who will gather around their own fire-side next year, well and happy, the Christmas program has been planned.

The ones who will not get well will share with those who will. Each will receive his individual present, a present which, if the hope people mean anything, he will day be able to use and enjoy.

For those who cannot leave beds, "traveling" acts of entertainment have been planned, along with ward Christmas parties. A "Santa Claus" will visit the boys and men will be of both the "hot" variety and familiar carols of the season. Greens, decorations and trees will add to the holiday background for the more daring mistletoe be hung in appropriate places.

It will be a Christmas week and bright," a week in which veterans will know friendship and hospitality and that they have not forgotten.

It will be a week in which can participate by sending contributions to committee headquarters to make the program possible. Contributions may be sent or brought to 13th Street, The Tribune Lobby, or to the Veterans Men's Building.



Pfc. Glenn L. Tompkins, 20, Houston (left), and Sfc. Gerald L. Bergstrom, 20, Santa Cruz, a radio gunner, are two of the patients at Oakland Naval Hospital who will have a "Merry Christmas" with your help. Interested now in leather work, Tompkins is partially paralyzed from shrapnel "picked up" at Peleliu. Bergstrom was hurt in a Philippine crash.

They'll Be Remembered!



CHRISTMAS NEARING—Service hospitals in this area house many wounded heroes. Most of the servicemen will still be confined to their beds or wards on Christmas day. This year, as in the past, funds donated by patriotic Oaklanders will help pay for Christmas gifts and accessories that will make the wounded know their efforts was appreciated. Send or bring your contributions to the North-

ern California War Wounded Fund to The Post-Enquirer. Above are two typical patients. Pfc. Joseph Cairo, 20, USMC, of Rochester, N. Y. (standing), chats with a friend, Edward Gay, 20, RM 3-c, USNR, at Gay's bedside at Oak Knoll hospital. Cairo was injured in June while in combat on Okinawa. Gay was injured in an auto accident. His family lives at Tavares, Fla.
—Post-Enquirer photo.

Yule Cheer Brought to Hundreds Of Veterans in Bay Area Hospitals



REAL CHRISTMAS— Such scenes as the above were enacted all over northern California as gifts were distributed to veterans who enjoyed the REAL CHRISTMAS provided by the War Wounded Fund.

action is directed for the purpose of securing impressive presentation of those ex-prisoners whose mention service in the Armed Forces has earned them a Presidential pardon for the offenses of which they were previously convicted." In a formal statement the White House said that the President's proclamation "will not grant a full pardon to every veteran who had previously been convicted of a federal offense." The pardon was limited to men "who had entered the service on or about July 29, 1941, because men with criminal records who enlisted prior to July 29, 1941, may have entered the Armed Forces on the basis of misrepresentation."

Wainwright Visits Mexican General (AP)—MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24—General Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Bataan, came across the border from Eagle Pass, Tex., today to Piedras Negras for a brief vacation in Mexico. He was received there by Gen. Manuel H. Reyes Idunarte, commander of the military zone in that region, who gave a lunch for him with many Army officers and civilians as guests.

Disembark in East Following is a list of Bay area servicemen who arrived Sunday in Boston aboard the Exchange: CANX, JAMES H., 7/3, San Francisco; FISCHER, EUGENE A., PFC, San Francisco; JAXON, JAMES J., PFC, San Francisco; LOTT, J. P., PFC, San Francisco; PRASSO, GUIDO J., PFC, San Francisco; SHELL, ROBERT, PVT, Oakland.

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War Wounded Enjoy Yule Cheer

Christmas Fund Gifts Presented Patients

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wounded; at Letterman, with 2,000 wounded; at Hamilton Field, with 350 wounded; at Oak Knoll, with 4,200 wounded; at San Leandro, with 905 wounded; at Shoemaker, with 1,800 wounded—at all these hospitals, strolling players will wander through the wards, adding to Christmas cheer already there.

NOT FORGOTTEN

This is what they had wondered about, on Iwo Jima, and crossing the Roer, and through Tokio flak, and under the flaming kamikazes offshore. And now to day, on that first peacetime Christmas, this is how it will be. San Franciscans and other northern Californians would bring that Christmas right into the hospitals, right into the wards, right into the hearts of the war wounded who were never forgotten for one single moment after V-E day and V-J day and particularly were not forgotten on this first peacetime Christmas when there weren't any 88's anymore, and weren't any jungle mortars anymore.

The Old Man didn't wear stars on his shoulders anymore. The Old Man was a guy named Santa Claus—just the way it always was—before December 7, 1941.

And YOU wore the whiskers and were Santa Claus to wounded boys from Brooklyn and Painted Post and New York and Red River—boys who this day last year were holding a snow-covered little Belgian town, later to be disclosed as Bastogne, or were sweating out the tropic heat of Mindoro swamplands in the Philippines. And always those unspeakable 88's and those nasty jungle mortars—and all the other dirty stuff.

DISTRIBUTE GIFTS—

It'll be different, today—and already, your outpouring of gifts has begun in the hospitals; thousands and thousands of dollars worth of gifts to be measured, after all, only in the happiness of the wounded to whom those gifts were given. And they got every cent you gave. There were no "incidental expenses"—and there was no red tape—in the War Wounded Fund. Not even the hospital trains were forgotten.

On that first peacetime Christmas in five years, the measure was full. It would be a really Merry Christmas for more than fourteen thousand wounded American boys—more than fourteen thousand laughing, happy, grateful wounded American boys. Your boys—the guys who fought on your side, and won.

Yule Fund To Cheer Navy Hero



NAVY CROSS WINNER— Marine Pfc. Calvin J. Bleau, 19, of Marquette, Mich., who won the navy cross for single-handedly capturing five enemy pillboxes with an anti-tank gun on Iwo Jima, will be one of the wounded heroes whose Christmas will be made merrier by the Northern California War Wounded Christmas Fund. The hero is pictured at Oak Knoll naval hospital in care of Lt. (jg) Elizabeth E. Burrus, navy nurse. Send or bring your contributions to the War Wounded Christmas Fund to The Post-Enquirer. Knowledge of so doing will make your own Christmas happier! —Post-Enquirer photo



OKINAWA VETS—There's something of mutual interest for conversation for Pfc. Floyd E. Wilson, 20, of Harlan, Ky., left, and Pfc. M. A. Sciarappa, 20, of Bridgeport, Conn., now patients at Oak Knoll naval hospital. They are both ma-

rines, both have head injuries, both were hurt at Okinawa and both will be away from home this Christmas. Help cheer them by contributing to the War Wounded Christmas fund and make your own Christmas merrier.—Post-Enquirer photo.



DESERVING— Nurse Anna Baltenstenger presents \$10 bills each to GM3/c Victor McCaul, standing left; Pfc. Jimmy Bleau, in wheelchair and holder of the Navy Cross, and Pfc. Raymond Luchi, all patients at Oak Knoll Hospital. —Photo by San Francisco Examiner.



CASH PRESENT— Edward F. Lusty at Oak Knoll receives a \$10 bill from Nurse Priscilla Smith and reveals his appreciation. —Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

It Takes So Little to Insure Yule Cheer for Wounded Boys

It takes just about \$4—the price of a few drinks, movies for the family, two good dinners or a bet on the races—to let a stranger know that you are his friend.

It takes just about \$4 to whisk away some of the loneliness and ache that fills the hearts of homesick boys.

It takes just about that much to let an old-time veteran know that he has not been forgotten, the same veteran who sang "Over There" with gusto and belief and who still talks about the rain and mud of France from a bed at the Livermore Veterans Hospital.

It takes that much, according to estimates of the Veteran Hospital's Christmas Committee, to assure each patient in Alameda County's five military hospitals of the Merry Christmas they should have.

IT WILL INSURE CHEER

It will buy each a present and will purchase the decorations that will turn the hospitals into gay Christmas scenes. It will assure the professional entertainment that will give them a merry Christmas week.

It will make the holiday a little happier for a man like Pfc. Frederick A. Shear, 21, of Grand Rapids, Mich., hospitalized nearly two years and one of the gayest and most hopeful of the approximately 5000 patients at Oakland Naval Hospital.

Shear joined the Marines when he was just 17 and he liked every minute that he served. He was going to make it his career, he was going to be one of the men who stuck—until a piece of shrapnel cut a nerve in his right leg, leaving it paralyzed and useless.

His memories of Christmas? In 1942 he was on Guadalcanal, helping to wrest that first stronghold from the enemy. In 1943 it was Christmas aboard ship, ready for the landing at Cape Gloucester. In 1944 he was at Oak Knoll, enjoying the fun arranged last year by the same committee. He'll be there again this year, and in 1946—"Well, who knows," he chuckles.

THAT BITTER LANDING

That December 26 landing on the western tip of New Britain has been forgotten by most. It was two years ago and the Allies desperately needed a foothold on the north coast of the island, a foothold that was cut by Marines who pushed through jungles and stormed hills, leaving their own dead—but a greater number of slain Japanese.

A runner who carried messages "just like a pigeon," Shear made his dashes through the "liquid sunshine" for 12 or 13 days until the mortar with his "monicker" hit a tree, splattering him with shrapnel.

He's been operated on four or five times—he's lost exact count—and just underwent another attempt at nerve "splicing," which, if successful, will bring life again into his leg.

Shear is full of hope and enthusiasm. He hobbles with it and kids with his nurses. He was all eyes and interest about the plans for this year's Christmas party. Was it going to be as good as last year's? Are all the boys going to be remembered?

Shear's answer can be given in the contributions sent to committee headquarters at 415 12th Street or to the Veterans' Memorial Building, the contributions that will take care of one patient—or more.



Contributions to the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will mean a happy Christmas for men like Pfc. Frederick Shear, hospitalized nearly two years, away at war before that. Treating his paralyzed leg is Cadet Nurse Helen Kraynak, Oakland Naval Hospital.



Letters From Contributors to Veterans' Yule Hospital Fund Abound in Warm, Good Wishes

Warm and sincere wishes for the Merry Christmas of veterans in Alameda County military hospitals were expressed many times in the letters which accompanied today's contributions to the Veteran Hospitals Christmas Committee. Among those who have not forgotten the holiday of the ill and wounded are the following new subscribers to the committee fund:

James A. Harding, Oakland	5.00	E. B. F. Oakland	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Barrett, Danville	3.00	Mrs. Clarence L. Laws, Piedmont	1.00
East Bay Automotive Mechanics, 1346, Oak	500.00	Margaret H. Canning, Oakland	1.00
O. L. and Alice N. Burnett, Oak- land	2.50	Lillian W. Archer, U.S.N.R., Oakland	1.00
Mrs. C. Hagerman, Oakland	2.50	Sport Center—Karl S. Hovey, Oakland	10.00
Post 214, American Legion, Wil- son	5.00	Anne A. McPeak, Alameda	2.00
Mildred J. Cole, Oakland	5.00	Mrs. J. Sunjig, San Francisco	2.00
Ella W. Treanor, Oakland	5.00	Edna and Frank, Oakland	2.00
Piedmont Chapter, D.A.R., Pied- mont	25.00	Charles J. Dixon, Oakland	3.00
Golden Gate Parlor 138, N.D. C.W., San Francisco	10.00	Ora M. Bowen, Dixon	3.00
A. Alder Smith, Oakland	5.00	Total	1431.84
Grulvalde Parlor 232, N.S.G.W., Oakland	10.00	Previously contributed	32,763.38
		Total to date	\$34,335.22

...rator 232, N.S.G.W., Oakland	10.00
employees of Doughnut Corporation of America, Oakland	16.13
Eugene F. Howard, Berkeley	4.00
Hayward Unit 68, American Legion Auxiliaries, Hayward	30.00
P. Entenza Camp 88, U.S.W.V., Oakland	5.00
Ray M. Jackson, Alameda	1.00
M. Henley, Redding	1.00
cum Refinery War Chest Committee, Oleum	200.00
Central Stenographic Bureau of University of California, Berkeley	6.50
el Reardon, Eureka	5.00
other Overseas Veterans—J., Oakland	20.00
ted Telephone Workers Northern California and Nevada, Local 302, Oakland	50.00
an McLeod, Piedmont	2.00
rand (Mrs. A. M. P.), Alameda	10.00
Speer, Berkeley	5.00
Edward S. Rubin, Piedmont	4.00

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some faint smudges and discoloration, characteristic of old paper. The left edge of the page shows the binding of the book, and the overall tone is warm and off-white.

58 Days Under Jap Fire---Now It'll Be Christmas in Hospital

An old-time Marine, one of the kind who can talk—with detail—about the girls in China, Iceland or Nicaragua, Gunnery Sgt. Lloyd (Pee-Wee) Krummel, 41, sports the description of a "dead-end kid in long pants."

With 19 years in the Marine Corps, he has served all over the world, tossing off names like Haiti, New Zealand, Guam, Bougainville, China, with equal abandon.

He helped chase Sandino and his bandit guerrillas through the Nicaraguan hills in 1927 and 1928; he knows about the start of the Japanese-Chinese war, about the Chamorro nurses at Guam, and the front lines on Bougainville.

He crinkles his eyes when he talks, wise-cracking about his part in the war, effusive in his desire to see some of his buddies. "the boys who did something," get recognition in the paper.

WOUNDED ON GUAM

To explain his presence at the Oakland Naval Hospital, he did admit, under questioning, that he was wounded on Guam, but that, as far as Pee-Wee was concerned, was the end of the story.

A tiny fellow, balancing the scales at 135 pounds, Pee-Wee has the heart to know what Christmas means to his boys, what a homesick time it can be, and to help the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee he would talk, just a little, about his hospitalization and about the courage of the other patients who share his ward.

One of the men who manned machine guns, sticking with the boys who took the worst the Japs could offer, Pee-Wee spent 58 days in the front lines on Bougainville—"the only active cook in' Marine Corps history who was a gunnery sergeant at the same time."

Mixing gunnery with a fine flare for coffee making, Pee-Wee kept his men in good shape at Bougainville, then took them to Guam, where, five days after landing, they crawled into a pass that meant death or wounds for all but 20 of a company of 238.

BUT THEY HELD

Advancing "a little faster" than the main forces, the Marine company was ordered to hold its position and hold they did — through eight banzai charges that left most of them dead. Reinforcements came the next day, but not before Pee-Wee had stopped a burst of machine-gun fire with a shoulder and both legs.

Hospitalized since, Pee-Wee is another of the men who will greet Christmas with smiles and happy conversation from one of the military hospitals in Alameda County.

He is another of the thousands who will have a happier time, who will enjoy gifts, entertainment and decorations, because the people of this area have not forgotten the men of war.

The contributions which will make this possible may be sent to the headquarters of the Veterans' Committee at 415 13th Street or to the Veterans Memorial Building.



THREE DAYS REMAIN TO HELP BRING CHEER TO VETERANS SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN FIVE HOSPITALS HERE

Christmas Shoppers Urged to Remember Military Casualties

With all the appalling necessities of the season—shopping for non-existent items in crowded stores, inventing substitutes for non-existent foods, struggling mentally for the inspiration of what to get for whom—there was time, today, to think of the real meaning of Christmas.

There was time, just three days, to remember that 10,000 to 12,000 men and women of the services are spending another Christmas away from home, hospitalized in the five military hospitals in Alameda County.

They are the men and women who left their own families and their own way of life to stand between an enemy and their fellow citizens. They have paid with more than loss of time and opportunity and for many of them the payments in pain and disability will continue for months or even a lifetime.

WANT TO GO HOME

With the frankness of the young, they mince no words in what they want for Christmas—they want to go home.

For those who can't, the holiday season can be a pretty dismal time, a time of remembering, resentment, homesickness.

In Alameda County, because of a plan started 21 years ago by representatives of various groups for the patients in the Veterans Hospital at Livermore, the Christmas of these men has been given careful thought.

Through the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, the hospitals already have been decorated—in some cases, the patients themselves competing in contests to see which ward can do the most with the attractive greens and ornaments provided.

Through the committee, programs of entertainment have been scheduled—shows in recreation halls for the ambulatory patients, traveling acts for the men confined to beds.

GIFTS FOR ALL

Through the committee, presents have been purchased, a gift for each hospitalized veteran, wrapped in Christmas paper, addressed to him.

All of the men will enjoy—equally—the decorations, entertainment, presents. The hero of the war will share with the man who never went overseas, the wounded veteran will share with the man suffering from measles.

Another \$20,000 is needed by the committee, however, to make this possible, \$20,000 which will mean that just that many more will feel the warm, glowing contentment of giving to those who need it.

The contributions can be sent—and as soon as possible—to committee headquarters in the Tribune Tower Lobby, 415 13th Street, or to the Veterans Memorial Building, 21 Grand Avenue.



Hospitalized at the Oakland Naval Hospital, Pfc. Arthur J. Pecerra, 30, of Los Angeles, will greet his Christmas from this bed. The Navy has provided physical rehabilitation care, as illustrated by Specialist (A) 2c Vincent Sherry, to keep his body in trim. His happiness during the holidays is the job of the Veteran Christmas Committee.



A little more than eight hours on the beach at Iwo Jima—and Pfc. Louis Cocciolone has spent nine months in the Oakland Naval Hospital, can expect to stay at least a year more. He hangs one of the decorations provided—with your money—by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

10,000 Men, Women Gain First Taste of Yule Peace As Hospitals Blossom With Symbols of Christmas

Your money, sent in friendship to the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, gave more than 10,000 men and women of war their first feeling of a peacetime Christmas this week.

The five military hospitals of Alameda County were changed suddenly from a picture of severe efficiency into a warmer picture of holiday cheer.

Christmas trees were erected on the grounds and placed in every ward. Garlands of greens were draped around buildings. Decorations were strung up and down long wards and the patients themselves, forgetting for the moment the reason for their holiday away from home, joined whole-heartedly in the serious business of hanging ornaments on trees.

FAR FROM KIN

For nearly all of the veterans hospitalized this Christmas it will be another of many they have spent far from their own families and friends.

Because they remember their own trees, perhaps, they were as thrilled as children with the ones which were brought to their wards. Tough marines who faced the Japs in every Pacific battle carefully balanced ornaments, quibbling over where to hang bangles, where to put the clumps of cotton wheedled from the nurses.

Husky sailors lent a hand to the decorating of walls, adding their

own ideas of where red bows and greens should be placed. Soldiers joined the activity and admired their own handiwork in their hospital, and the patients at the Livermore Hospital again, as they have many times in the past, offered their thanks for remembrance.

Symbolic of the men, the many for whom the war is not yet over, was Pfc. Louis Cocciolone, 24, of Avon, Pa., patient at the Oakland Naval Hospital for nine months, faced with the prospect of another year of hospitalization.

A marine machine-gunner Louis plodded through the jungles of Bougainville for 40 days, then became ill with the dread elephantiasis. Hospitalized in the United States for three months, he returned to action in time to make the landing at Iwo Jima, in time to spend 8½ hours on the "hottest beach this side of hell" before a mortar blast cut the nerve in his left leg.

Lying, partially paralyzed, in a hospital ship, Louis saw the flag go up on Iwo and as he said quietly today:

"It does something to you."

PRIDE IN HUMANITY

It's the same something, the same feeling of pride in their fellowmen, that many of them will feel this holiday season because of the plans made in their behalf by the veteran committee.

The contributions which will

make it possible can be sent to committee headquarters, 415 13th Street, or to the Veterans Memorial Building. It's a necessary gesture to assure all of presents, of a part in the fun. It's a simple way for a personal "Merry Christmas."

Hero to Tell Yule Spirit in Hospital

A Navy corpsman—and a hero in his own right—will give a hint of what the "Merry Christmas" provided by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee means to patients at the Oakland Naval Hospital in a special program over The Tribune radio station, KLX, between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Giving this "straight from the mouth of the horse" report will be PhM 2c Jack S. Ragsdale, veteran of Tarawa and Saipan, once a patient at the hospital, now a corpsman.

Appearing with him in the radio show will be a Navy nurse and Mrs. May Q. Lilienthal, ornament chairman for the committee. They will be interviewed by Bill Stevens, chief KLX announcer.

Ragsdale, honored for his heroism on both islands, was one of 10 surviving corpsmen the first day on Saipan. His first-aid station was blown up four times; but, although wounded, he still rescued the few who lived to need it.



Confined to bed with a broken leg, PhM. 2c Ed Lusty, 23, of Reno, still gets the exercise that will keep his body in trim, aiding his recovery. Giving him instruction in weight lifting is Lieut. Bertram F. Gustafson, in charge of the physical training program at Oakland Naval Hospital. Lusty was a corpsman with the Marines at New Britain and Peleliu.

Yule Gifts From Public Build Morale of Men 'On Way Back'

Rowing, figuratively speaking, planned by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

They are parties in which all can participate by sending contributions to committee headquarters at 415 13th Street or the Veterans Memorial Building.

The committee will see that the men have a happy Christmas, the physical training program assures them of the ability to enjoy it.

If men are kept in as good a physical condition as possible during hospitalization, their recovery is that much faster, that much more satisfactory, according to Lieutenant Gustafson.

They use rowing machines, ride mechanical bicycles, undergo a program of calisthenics, participate in sports. Even before that, lying in bed, they have exercises planned to stop muscle atrophy, to keep up the tone of the body.

This plan of physical training at Oak Knoll, part of the rehabilitation program, is under the direction of Lieut. Bertram F. Gustafson, who received his A.B. in physical education from San Francisco State College and his master's degree in physical therapy from Stanford University.

EXAMPLE FOR CIVILIANS

It is another example of how the services take care of their own; another reason why it is important for civilians to take a part in the overall picture by giving patients in Alameda County military hospitals the kind of a Christmas they should have.

Morale, along with recovery, is helped by physical fitness. It is also helped by remembrance and thought, the kind of thought illustrated by the Christmas parties being

HOW TO AID VETERANS' CHRISTMAS

Those who remember—and who are interested in bringing Christmas cheer into the country's military hospitals—the Army Regional Hospital, Oakland; the Naval hospitals in Oakland, San Leandro, Shoemaker, and the Veterans Hospital, Livermore—are asked to do so through the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

Contributions may be made at committee headquarters, Tribune Tower lobby, 415 13th Street, or at the Veterans Memorial Building.

IT WAS 3 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND EVERYWHERE ALL WERE STIRRING

Veterans' Yule Gets Off Hilariously in Alameda Hospitals

The boy who couldn't see turned to the tiny Christmas tree that shared a hospital table with glass, cigars, book.

"It sure smells good," he said, "it smells just like home."

That same boy, filled with thoughts of his own home and family, learned with thousands of others last night that the holiday season in Alameda County has many parts—familiar decorations, personal gifts . . . and entertainment.

Feet-tickling music, the hearty chuckles of men who have learned how to take it, pretty girls and wondrous acts of magic—the fun of Christmas was presented to patients in the county's military hospital during the evening on a silver platter supplied by residents of this area.

HILARIOUS START

The entertainment part of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee's Yuletide program actually got off to a hilarious start on Thursday, when patients at the Army Hospital in Oakland and the Veterans Hospital at Livermore saw top vaudeville acts in a special performance.

The shows were repeated again last night at the Naval Hospitals at Oak Knoll and San Leandro, giving all ambulatory patients a chance to see headliners who have been appearing in theaters and night clubs on the West Coast.

For the other patients, the ones unable to leave their beds, the entertainment was a more personal affair, with traveling acts making bedside appearance, bringing their talent within touching distance of the ill and wounded.

Arranged under the direction of Edwin Meese Jr., the entertainment is one part of the committee's Christmas plan.

HOSPITALS DECORATED

Last Sunday the hospitals were decorated with trees, greens and "Merry Christmas" signs and on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning—according to their choice—the veterans will receive the gifts that will prove the interest of people who have not forgotten.

The committee has made the promise that all men and women hospitalized in the county military hospitals during the Christmas season will be remembered, the very ill along with the near-recovered, the wounded man and the sick.

To help them keep that promise another \$20,000 is needed—money which can buy a share in the happiness of those who still fight a war.

Contributions can be sent to committee headquarters in the Tribune Tower Lobby, 415 13th Street, or to the Veterans Memorial Building, 200 Grand Avenue.

17,000 Heroes In Bay Area Hospitals

There are a thousand ways in which residents of the San Francisco Bay area can help to bring a truly Merry Christmas to more than 17,000 sick, maimed, wounded and blind veterans who must spend this holiday season in bay area Army and Navy hospitals—or on hospital trains here.

And every one of those ways of saying "Merry Christmas—we're thinking of YOU" can be expressed by YOUR GIFT through the Hearst Newspapers' War Wounded Fund.

And every cent you send will be spent efficiently and totally for the job of cheering and aiding the men who avenged Pearl Harbor and saved our freedom and won our security.

YEAR OF CHRISTMAS

In the last two Christmas seasons, YOUR gifts, totalling \$210,-248.59 brought a real Christmas of remembrance to every veteran in bay area service hospitals. It helped substantially to make Christmas last all year, adding to personal gifts such things as bedside radios, pianos, athletic equipment, books, magazines, and financing wounded veterans in critical personal emergencies.

This year, you can do the same.

At Oak Knoll Navy Hospital, in Oakland, for example, more equipment for baseball, football and golf is needed.

The roller skates and bicycles you gave last year helped wounded men regain their coordinations.

The earphones you gave, through the War Wounded Fund, are in use, but more are needed for bed patients.

OPEN YOUR PURSE NOW

Books, records, magazines, horseshoes, record players—and gay lawn furniture on which men can relax in warm winter sunshine—these are all Christmas gifts that can tell the Oak Knoll men all through 1946 that we appreciate their sacrifice and think of them in their loneliness and suffering.

Similar needs exist in all bay area service hospitals.

All costs of administration will be financed by the sponsoring The Call-Bulletin, the San Francisco Examiner and the Oakland Post-Enquirer.

Open your heart and open your



Corrective exercises with weights will keep S 1c William Fleming, 20, of Glen Ellyn, Ill. (left), and Pfc. Manuel Amaral, 21, of Yreka in trim while recovering from broken legs at Oakland Naval Hospital. Instructing is Chief Specialist (A) Sumner Farison, former professional football player. They will have a happier holiday season with your help.

Yeoman Wounded at Iwo Has Strange Surgical Adventures

One of the "miracle" patients at the Oakland Naval Hospital, Y3c George Schaller, probably is the only one who for some time didn't have much choice as to "what" he wanted to eat, but could say exactly "where" he wanted to eat it, with regard to route of entry.

Disproving the belief that a yeoman is not fundamentally a fighting man, Schaller was on the cruiser Pensacola February 18, the day before the Iwo Jima landing. The Pensacola was shelling Iwo and Iwo was shelling the Pensacola.

Finally, according to the story of Schaller's "life" in The Oak Leaf, publication of the Oakland Naval Hospital, the Japs dropped a six-inch on the cruiser and Schaller found himself with a piece of swagel tucked under his ribs.

SERIES OF ILLS

Hospitalized since with a series of illnesses, ranging from bile peritonitis to pneumonia, Schaller is one yeoman who will enjoy—"but definitely"—the week of holiday fun promised by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

You get pretty tired of the bed after a while, according to Schaller, and of medicine, shots, doctors—even nurses. Christmas in a hospital

could be a dismal thing and the fact that it won't be, that it will have gifts, decorations and entertainment is top news to George, who has the added help of his mother, civilian employee at the hospital, in regaining his health.

Tapped of bile fluid until he attained a total of 25 quarts, Schaller was operated on April 6 when surgeons discovered that the duct carrying bile from both gall bladder and liver to the intestine was destroyed.

ARTIFICIAL DUCT

Knowing that this duct just doesn't grow back again, the doctors rigged up an artificial biliary duct system, whereby bile was constantly collected in a reservoir bottle and, after each meal, put back into the alimentary tract by a drip system.

Not only bile, but also food could be poured into Schaller through this tube, leading to his reputation as the only man who could decide where he wanted his meals.

In July the drainage had completely stopped and doctors now suspect that the duct, first reported destroyed, was not completely severed. This has not solved all Schaller's problems, however.

PNEUMONIA TWICE

Twice he has had liver "trouble," twice he has had pneumonia. In addition, he has had to submit eight times daily to the penicillin needle and has had 10 blood transfusions.

When he leaves the hospital, George will return to his home State—Ohio—and go to college, aided by what he calls his "G.I. Biliary Rights."

The time in between, an important time like Christmas, can be made happier for him and for other veterans through the committee's holiday program. The contributions which will make it possible can be sent to committee headquarters, 415 13th Street, or to the Veterans Memorial Building.

GIFTS WILL CHEER WOUNDED HEROES

Veterans Gave;
Now You Can
Repay Them

"Hey, gee, Mom! It's wonderful!"

Similar cries of joy will be given Christmas eve or Christmas morning when families get together around the tree and open their gifts.

But it will be an entirely different picture for the men in bay area military hospitals.

CHEERY YULE

For them Christmas will be just another day unless you help—unless you donate to the Northern California War Wounded Christmas fund, sponsored by The Post-Enquirer, The San Francisco Examiner and The San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

Last year and the year before we answered their plea with our donations. We must answer their plea again this year, because even though the war is over for us, it isn't over for them.

A contribution of \$100 was turned in today by Charlotte MacGregor Boggs.

Have all of us turned in our contributions? Any amount—a dime, a dollar, a hundred dollars, a thousand—will help.

Donations may be brought to the business offices of The Post-Enquirer or may be mailed to the Northern California War Wounded Fund Editor, The Post-Enquirer, 1751 Franklin street, Oakland (4).

TO BUY GIFTS

Every cent contributed will be used for gifts for the men in Oak Knoll hospital, San Leandro naval hospital, Oakland regional army hospital, Mare Island naval hospital, Livermore Veterans' hospital, Shoemaker naval hospital, Letterman general army hospital and the army hospital at Palo Alto.

There will be no long lists for "expense" accounts, no red tape.

We can make our own Christmas merrier by assuring our wounded heroes a happy holiday.

Your contribution may buy a gift for a hero like Phil Martin, 20, a seaman 1-c, USNR, hospitalized for arm and leg injuries received in the Philippine islands.

DO IT NOW!

Martin is from Glens Fall, N. Y. He has a brother, Edward, 18, with the navy at Newport. Martin entered the service in December, 1942—just in time to be away from home for Christmas.

Next week will mark his fourth Christmas from home, and it's a cinch that's one day he won't be celebrating.

We can help to cheer him with our contributions to the fund.

Let's do it now. Don't wait until it's too late.

Get those contributions in today.



AWAITING TRANSFER—Ens. Jane Pass of North-plot, Neb., left, takes the temperature of S1-c Phil Martin, 20, of Glen Falls, N. Y., in his ward at Oak Knoll naval hospital where he awaits transfer to a hospital near his home. Martin was injured while serving in the Philippines. Bring or send to The Post-Enquirer your contribution to the War Wounded Christmas fund and help to make his yule season merrier.—Post-Enquirer photo.

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

31 December 1945.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WAR
WOUNDED FUND,

c/o Hearst Newspapers,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the patients at the Naval hospital, Treasure Island, may I through you take this opportunity of thanking all of the good people who so generously have contributed to the Northern California War Wounded Fund. We know that we cannot take the place of parents, wives, and sweet-hearts at Christmas time but you have done all in your power to make this a happy holiday season for those who have done so much to make this first peace-time Christmas possible.

Each patient received, among other things, his gift of \$10 with such an obvious look of gratitude that I am sure the money was one of the most delightful gifts that the patients received.

The new radios are now playing in the wards and the sick enjoy them to the utmost. The Detrola modern models are a big help in keeping up the morale of the bedridden patients. The athletic equipment has been put to work for the recreation department in the sports program designed to speed up convalescence.

We are purchasing a selection of phonograph records to supplement our present library with the money so generously donated for that purpose.

The Hearst newspapers were very kind in using their good offices to put across this comprehensive program for the sick and wounded in our naval hospital. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G. G. HERMAN,
Captain (M. C.), U. S. Navy,
Medical Officer in Command.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Ninth Service Command
Dibble General Hospital
Menlo Park, California

3 January 1946.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WAR
WOUNDED FUND,

c/o Hearst Newspapers,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

I wish to personally add my appreciation to that of our many patients whose Christmas was immeasurably brightened by you and your organization.

It was most gratifying to visit the wards and feel that the Christmas spirit had been caught by all. I am sure that this Christmas was one that will remain in the memory of the men long after Dibble General hospital is a thing of the past.

I wish to say that the donation of bills was most thoughtful and in many cases enabled patients to secure gifts for loved ones that otherwise would have been impossible.

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL
Shoemaker, California

28 December 1945.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WAR
WOUNDED FUND,

c/o Hearst Newspapers,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of 1400 Christmas gifts, each containing ten dollars (\$10.00), and twelve (12) radios, which your organization so kindly donated for patients undergoing treatment at this hospital.

May I express my appreciation for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and consideration in helping to make this holiday season a merry one for the boys of this station.

Sincerely,

(Signed) L. E. MUELLER,
Captain (M. C.), U. S. N.,
Medical Officer in Command.

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U. S. NAVAL SPECIAL HOSPITAL
Santa Cruz, California

8 January 1946.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WAR
WOUNDED FUND,

c/o Hearst Newspapers,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the patients and staff of this hospital, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Hearst newspapers and their readers for their generosity in providing funds to make a real Christmas for the patients at this hospital.

We received the three hundred (300) gift packages containing \$10 in each. These packages were distributed to the patients.

Again extending our thanks to you and your readers, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. E. PORTER;
Captain (M. C.), U. S. N. (Ret.),
Commanding.

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U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL
San Leandro, California

4 January 1946.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WAR
WOUNDED FUND,

c/o Hearst Newspapers,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the most generous gifts provided by your distinguished organization for our patients who were unable to be at home during the Christmas holidays.

The gifts were greatly appreciated by the patients, and we feel certain that your thoughtfulness and generosity made the holiday season a very happy occasion for everyone here.

Sincerely,

(Signed) W. F. KENNEDY,
Medical Officer in Command.

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ALAMEDA 1817 Broadway; room for young man.

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A boy and his dad have lots of catching up to do when they haven't seen each other for almost two years and MoMM 2c Clayton O. Decker, 25, of 1436 Second Avenue, and his son, Harry Leroy, 4, started in on it as soon as Decker arrived at Oakland Airport almost straight from a Jap prison camp. Decker's wife, Lucille, also met him.—Tribune photo.



Weary, but with grins a mile wide, these former prisoners of Japan arrived at Alameda Naval Air Station yesterday and were loaded in a bus bound for Oak Knoll Hospital.



Robert Gassel, 40 Cottage Avenue, Richmond, and Thomas Beers, Vallejo, grinned as they took coffee offered by Donna Packwood after arrival in Oakland from Japanese camps.



These nine prisoners of war were the first to come home by the four-engined Coronados of the Naval Air Transport Service. They arrived yesterday at Alameda Naval Air Station.

S.F. HAILS 171ST NAVY BIRTHDAY; DEAD HONORED

Memorial Rites Held on Land, Sea for Heroes of Last War

With her heart and her ships, San Francisco celebrated the 171st birthday of the United States Navy yesterday.

At sea and on land, Navy men and women, their friends and the kin of those who died in the Nation's wars paid their respects to the memory of Uncle Sam's fighting heroes.

MEMORIAL RITES.

Eighteen miles west of the Golden Gate, three naval craft—the destroyer Thomason, the sub-

marine Caiman and a Navy blimp—joined for a special memorial service.

From the decks of the destroyer, Gold Star mothers and members of the Treasure Island WAVE choir tossed flowers onto the heaving bosom of the Pacific.

In the air above the ship, more flowers dropped silently into the water from the blimp, representative of the Navy's air arm. Moments later, the submarine, her decks laden with blooms, submerged and left a trail of flowers floating on the surface.

TAPS SOUNDED.

Aboard the Thomason, three chaplains, representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, conducted services in honor of the war dead. Nearly one hundred and fifty passengers stood silently as a bugler sounded the notes of taps from the ship's stern.

Other services were held at various Navy land installations and at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Navy establishments which conducted services were the Alameda Naval Air Station, Santa Rosa Auxiliary Air Station, Port Chicago Naval Air Station, Mare Island and Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.



That's a real prison haircut shown by CMOMM W. H. Haverland of Iowa (left), and CMM Jesse G. Holmes of Long Beach. Their heads were shaved just a week before liberation.



Reginald Daniels doesn't know if he's married or not.



Cpl. Alton Halbrook told of a "voyage" to Japan.

BACK FROM JAPAN, THE HEROES OF WAR FIND WELCOME



The Frost brothers—Lawrence (left), and Clair—were captured together, imprisoned together and returned together, first ex-prisoner of war brother team flown here by NATS.



When a "flying boat" settled at Alameda Naval Air Station with a load of returnees, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hassler of

Berkeley were waiting to greet their son, Sgt. Earl Hassler. At left is his brother, Paul, and nephew, Richard, 2.



Richard Hinkson, Modesto, held tightly to his samurai sword.



The "icebox" looked good to these ex-prisoners when they landed by NATS Skymaster at Oakland. Left to right, S 1c Edgar Abbey, S 1c Woodrow Conaway, SK 1c Milton Farkas,



First Canadians to be brought back by the Yankees, Pfc. Harold A. Atkinson (left), of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and Rifleman Alfred J. Briard, Royal Rifles, sip coffee at airport.

BEVIN STATEMENT

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"It was not their fault nor that of the Netherlands Indies they were unable to assume control. It is therefore quite clear that the British Government have a definite agreement with them providing for the Netherlands Indies Government to assume as rapidly as practicable full responsibility for the administration of the territory of the Netherlands Indies.

"We had no intention of being involved in any constitutional dispute between the Netherlands Government and the people of the Netherlands Indies. Once our military objectives have been attained and the civil administration placed on its feet again we are resolved to withdraw our troops as rapidly as possible."

The Foreign Secretary then told the House that critics of British policy in the Indies "clearly had no idea of the size of the problem facing us when hostilities with Japan ceased".

"It was only on August 15," Bevin continued, "that Java and the adjacent islands were transferred to SEAC (the Allied Southeast Asia Command), thus adding 55,000 square miles, over 43,000,000 inhabitants, some 50,000 Japanese troops and 25,000 men to Adm. Mountbatten's responsibilities.

"The Japanese surrender offer transformed the whole position throughout this large area. Instead of concentrating all our forces on successively strategic positions, we had to disperse our manpower and means of transport, so far as was possible, simultaneously.

"We could not hope to occupy the whole area at once. We had to be content to occupy key points with small forces when necessary transport could be made available pending the building up of greater forces, which required more time. We were obliged to use the expedient of placing on the Japanese commanders responsibility for maintaining order and protecting prisoners of war and internees.

"In Java, at all events, that arrangement broke down."

Reviewing the recent history of the Indies, Bevin told the House that the National movement in Java was not new, that the first "experiments toward self-government" had taken place in 1913, and that even before the outbreak of the war "a majority" of the Indonesian people had followed Nationalist leadership.

The Foreign Secretary added, however, that no widespread desire for a severance of the ties with the Netherlands then existed, but that on the contrary there was a general willingness among the Indonesian people to



Churchgoers enroute to Sunday services parade in typical Dutch costumes.

cooperate with the Netherlands authorities.

"However, the Japanese changed all that," Bevin stated. "They exploited Nationalist feeling but took care to keep firm control of it until the surrender. On August 7 the Japanese announced that approval had been given to Indonesian independence. On August 19 Sukarno declared that an independent Indonesian republic had been established with himself as president. When our forces arrived they found the public services, transport and civil administration in the hands of this 'republic' and Netherlands officials still in detention."

Referring to the conduct of British troops in the Indies, Bevin asserted that "I am bound to say, and I believe I am expressing the views of everyone in this House and Country, that the conduct of all ranks in carrying out this arduous and dangerous task has been beyond praise."

Splendid Cooperation Praised

ONE of the five young officers—four Dutchmen and one Indonesian—who are in charge of the provisional government of Sabang, important port on the island of We, off the northwest tip of Sumatra, has returned to Batavia full of enthusiasm for what he described as the "splendid cooperation" between Dutch and British military authorities on the island.

Conditions on the island were "pretty grim" when they arrived, he said. All work had come to a standstill, the

people were starving, and medical supplies were completely insufficient.

The people were immediately assured that their rice stocks would not be requisitioned, prices and wages were stabilized at prewar levels, and new and sound currency was introduced. Japanese food supplies were distributed to relieve famine conditions, the local hospital was repaired and put back into working condition, and medical supplies—including ample stocks of mepacrine and penicillin—were rushed ashore, he continued, adding that the latter drugs helped halt the widespread cases of malaria.

During the first month, the officer disclosed, the British medical workers on the island treated 1,500 Indonesian patients in a remarkably short time. Meanwhile the electric power plant and the waterworks were put back into working order and Japanese trucks and automobiles were made serviceable, thus facilitating the transport and distribution systems.

Schools were reopened, libraries installed, and welfare clubs in which sewing, cooking and hygiene were taught were organized for the local women, while wages were adjusted in accordance with skills and working conditions were improved, he declared.

The crews of British warships in the harbor and a handful of Dutch sailors also available rendered invaluable services, the officer concluded, by making it possible for passing ships again to be supplied with water and other facilities at Sabang.



Petty Officer Henry Erkens, who was a member of the crew of the *Sumatra* which brought Princess Juliana and her two daughters, Beatrix and Irene, to Halifax and safety. He went on into the Pacific war and was a Jap prisoner for more than three years.



Three officers of the Royal Netherlands Navy examine an issue of the *Knickerbocker Weekly* at the Oak Knoll Navy hospital at Oakland, Calif. It was their first look at a Netherlands magazine since their internment by the Japanese three years ago. Left to right the officers are Lt. Frans Bax, Lt. A. A. M. Van Rijsbergen and Lt. Carl Frank.

Navy Flies Sick Dutch Sailor Home

A Dutch sailor, with only a few months to live because of an incurable disease, arrived in New York by Naval Air Transport Service plane from Oakland today, ready for another lap in his journey from a Jap prison camp to his home in Holland for a last visit with his family.

He was identified by the Navy as L. Schrier, a corporal machinist in the Dutch Navy. His ship was torpedoed in the battle of the Java Sea, and he was rescued and interned in Japan.

Recently released, he was taken to the U.S. Naval Hospital here, where doctors learned of the incurable ailment.

After expressing desire to see his wife and two children in his native land before he died, the sailor was placed aboard a NATS plane at 4 p.m. yesterday for New York.

PAY UP, PLEASE.—Ensign Robert B. Jones, three years a prisoner of the Japs, is seeking \$15,000 back pay from the Navy, which refuses to pay him on grounds he had not taken his oath of commission before being captured in the fall of Corregidor, and therefore was not considered on active duty.



NAVAL OPERATION—Lt. (JG) Frans Bax, of the Royal Netherlands Navy, takes as his bride Wave Lt. (JG) Constance Chenette, of the U. S. Navy. The wedding took place in St. Peter's chapel at the Mare Island, Calif., shipyard. Bax, a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, has been quartered at Mare Island along with 200 other Dutch officers and men rescued from a Japanese POW camp. He is awaiting transportation back to the Orient. Lt. Chenette is the daughter of the famed concert band arranger Ed Chenette from The Hague, Holland.

DECEMBER 31, 1945



A group of sailors from the Royal Netherlands Navy pose for their photograph outside the Oak Knoll Navy hospital at Oakland, Calif., where they were taken for treatment. U. S. Navy nurses are shown with them.

Bevin Statement on Indies

THE task in Indonesia, declared Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in Commons, was allocated to the British by the Allies and "in doing this, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten has been carrying out the job allocated to us under the surrender arrangements" made by Gen. MacArthur as Supreme Commander of the Allied forces.

"What was our military task there?" asked Bevin. "It was, firstly, to disarm and concentrate the Japanese forces; secondly, to rescue and bring home the prisoners of war, and, thirdly, to rescue the thousands of internees in camps in this large island."

"We had no intention of using any British forces for any other purposes or against the inhabitants," Bevin asserted. "Indeed our efforts for avoiding bloodshed resulted in our being accused of weakness. It's essential for the fulfilment of our military task that we secure and maintain law and order,

and naturally Gen. Christison has the authority to use his forces for that purpose."

The Foreign Secretary declared, "We had no indication that our forces would be opposed. Accordingly we are now faced with a most difficult and intricate situation. It was impossible for us to avoid becoming involved in the political affairs of the island in view of the developments that subsequently happened."

"It has been strongly stated in Holland," he continued, "that the delay in sending forces led to the present situation and we have been severely blamed for that delay. On the other hand we have also been blamed for sending our forces to carry out the tasks allotted to us. The Indonesians had not only small arms but Japanese machine-guns, mortars, armored cars and small tanks."

"Don't always accuse the British of being the only villains of the peace,"

declared Bevin as the House cheered. "Our business is a rescue one and nothing else. We aren't there for any other purpose."

Discussing the so-called rebels, Bevin recalled to the House that some of the greatest events in the history of the British Empire had resulted from meeting and settling with rebels. He added, concerning the Indonesians, "But the question was whether they could deliver the goods. That was the thing that really mattered, and in that they've been extremely disappointing up to now."

"It must be remembered," Bevin told the House, "that the Netherlands Government stood by us when we were attacked by Japan. They were, I believe, the first actually to declare war on Japan."

The statement was greeted by cheers, after which the Foreign Secretary continued:

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KNICKERBOCKER WEEKLY

Three Killed In Week-end Auto Crashes

Coastguardsman Dies as Wife Bears 8-Pound Baby Boy

Three persons, one of them a coastguardsman rushing to the side of his wife who was in childbirth here, were killed over the week-end in Bay area automobile accidents.

The dead:

Richard H. Pfeffer, the coastguardsman, whose station was in San Francisco.

Ray E. Townsend, 20 a sailor stationed at San Bruno.

An unidentified dairy worker killed by a car on Highway 101, north of San Rafael.

HITCHHIKER KILLED

Pfeffer presumably had hitchhiked a ride with Ruth Slama, 22, of 2119 16th Avenue, San Francisco, whose car collided early yesterday near the Oakland end of the Bay Bridge with an automobile driven by William Fimbres, a Marine, who lives at 2311 Buchanan Street, San Francisco.

Miss Slama and another passenger in her car, Doris Conger, 28, of 2240 Irving Street, San Francisco, were treated at Highland Hospital and then moved to French Hospital, in San Francisco. Miss Slama had cuts about the face and a possible back injury, and Miss Conger suffered a fractured wrist, broken pelvis, possible broken ribs and a fractured left knee. Her condition was said to be poor.

Also in the Slama car were Frank M. Kibblish, 25, of Sebastopol, whose right arm was broken; and Charles C. Williamson, a sailor.

Riding with Fimbres were Walter F. Norwood and Berton E. Goans, Marines, who were taken to the Treasure Island Hospital with serious injuries.

BABY BOY BORN

Pfeffer had been notified at 3 a.m. that his wife was expecting her baby and was on her way to the Oakland Naval Hospital. He said he would meet her there and started hitch-hiking. The baby, an eight-pound boy, was born three and a half hours after the accident. Authorities refrained from notifying the mother that her husband had been killed.

Townsend, the San Bruno sailor, was killed Saturday near Palo Alto when he was struck by a car driven by Leo P. Garcia, 19, of Gilroy. Townsend's companion, Miss Ann Anderson, escaped with minor injuries.

The unidentified man killed near San Rafael reportedly was struck by a car driven by Joe T. Dutra Jr., of 1301 Market Street, Richmond.

3 Killed, 10 Hurt In Bay Traffic Accidents

Three men were killed and at least ten persons were injured in Bay area traffic accidents over the week-end.

The dead were:

Richard H. Pfeffer, 23, Coast Guard coxswain, of Camp Shoemaker.

Ray E. Townsend, 20, sailor stationed at Tanforan.

An unidentified man, aged about 35, and apparently a Marin County dairy worker.

KILLED ON BRIDGE

Pfeffer was killed in a pre-dawn head-on collision yesterday on the bay bridge west of the toll plaza while hitch hiking to Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, where his wife, Ann May, 28, gave birth to an eight pound son a few hours later.

Pfeffer, officers said, had hitchhiked a ride in a car driven by Ruth Slama, 22, of 2119 Sixteenth avenue, San Francisco.

The car reportedly swerved across the center line and collided with a westbound car driven by William Fimbres, a marine, of 2311 Buchanan street, San Francisco.

Miss Slama suffered facial cuts and possible back injuries. Other passengers injured in the Slama car were Doris Conger, 28, of 2249 Irving street, San Francisco; Frank M. Kibblish, 25, of Sebastopol, and Charles C. Williamson, sailor stationed at Treasure Island.

Fimbres and two Marine passengers in his car, Walter F. Norwood and Berton E. Goans, were taken to Treasure Island Hospital.

Townsend was killed Saturday night while crossing the highway near Mayfield when struck by a car driven by Leo P. Garcia, 19, of Gilroy. Townsend's companion, Ann Anderson, 16, of Palo Alto, was injured.

STRUCK BY AUTO

An unidentified man was killed last night near San Rafael, officers said, when struck by a car driven by Joe T. Dutra Jr., 1301 Market street, Richmond.

Miss Eileen Neidholt Hurt, 50, of 1434 Forty-first avenue, suffered a sprained ankle late yesterday when the brakes on a westbound "N" car failed and the car plunged through dense traffic from the Kezar stadium football game.

COAST GUARDSMAN KILLED ON BRIDGE; SAILOR AT MAYFIELD

Unidentified Man Loses Life on Road Near San Rafael; S. F. Streetcar Runs Away

Three persons, two of them servicemen were killed and nine others injured in Bay Area traffic accidents over the weekend, police reported today.

Coast Guards Coxswain Richard H. Pfeffer, stationed at Camp Shoemaker, was killed when the car in which he was riding sideswiped another

on the Bay Bridge west of the Toll Plaza. He was en route to the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland where his wife, Ann, 28, was in the maternity ward. A son was born four hours after the accident.

Mr. Pfeffer had apparently hitch-hiked a ride in a car driven by Ruth Slama, 22, of 2119 16th-av. Miss Slama and another woman passenger, Doris Conger, 28, of 2249 Irving-st. were taken to Highland Hospital. Other passengers in the car who suffered injuries were Frank M. Kibblish, 25, of Sebastopol and Charles C. Williamson, a sailor.

The second car was driven by William Fimbres, a Marine, of 2311 Buchanan-st. He and two sailor passengers, Walter T. Norwood and Burton E. Goans — were taken to Treasure Island Hospital.

Ray E. Townsend, 20, a sailor stationed at San Bruno, was killed on El Camino Real at Mayfield, south of Palo Alto, late Saturday when he and a woman companion, Miss Ann Anderson, were struck by a car driven by Leo P. Garcia, 19, of Gilroy. Miss Anderson suffered minor injuries.

An unidentified man was killed last night 2½ miles north of San Rafael on Highway 101 when struck by a car driven by Joe T. Dutra Jr., of 1301 Market-st, Richmond.

While 11 autos were banged up, only one person suffered minor injuries yesterday afternoon when a runaway streetcar drove into the tail end of a traffic-stalled procession of automobiles on Irving-st.

Air brakes on the N car failed at Second-av and its operator, Mrs. Mabel Vioria, of 51 Moss-st, was unable to halt it until it reached Ninth-av.

One passenger — the car was jammed with home-ward-bound football fans — was injured. She was Miss Eileen Neidholt of 1434 41st-av, who received a sprained ankle.

Three Killed, Eight Hurt In Traffic

A Coast Guardsman hurrying to his wife, who was about to become a mother, was killed early yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding crashed head-on into another car on the Bay Bridge, west of the toll plaza. Other accidents took two more lives and injured eight in the Bay Area.

Coxswain Richard H. Pfeffer of Camp Shoemaker, had received a phone call from his wife that her baby was due and she was hurrying to the Oak Knoll Hospital. Pfeffer, in San Francisco, promised to meet her there.

A few hours after the tragedy the baby was born—a boy.

Seven persons were injured in a collision when a car driven by Ruth Slama, 22, of 2119 Sixteenth avenue, crossed the center line, police reported.

They were Doris Conger, 24, 2249 Irving street; Charles C. Williamson, sailor; Frank M. Kibblish, Sebastopol, and three Marines, William Fimbres, Walter T. Norwood and Berton E. Goans, and Miss Slama.

Near Mayfield, on the El Camino Real, Ray E. Townsend, 20, sailor stationed at Tanforan, was killed when struck by the auto of Leo P. Garcia, 19, of Gilroy. A companion, Ann Anderson, 16, of Palo Alto, was bruised.

An unidentified man was killed last night when struck 2½ miles north of San Rafael on Highway 101 by a car police said was driven by Joe T. Dutra Jr., 1301 Market street, Richmond. Marin County Coroner J. Ray Keaton said the dead man was about 35 years old and appeared to be a dairy worker.

2 Die, 9 Hurt in Traffic; Autos Crash on Bridge

Coast Guardsman Killed Three Hours
Before Birth of His Son

A coast guardsman and a sailor were killed and nine other persons were injured in Bay area accidents over the weekend.

The dead:

RICHARD H. PFEFFER of the Coast Guard, stationed in San Francisco.

RAY E. TOWNSEND, 20, sailor, stationed at San Bruno.

Pfeffer was hurrying to Oak Knoll Hospital where his wife, Ann, 28, was giving birth to a baby, when he was killed.

SON BORN—

Presumably, Pfeffer had hitchhiked a ride in an automobile driven by Ruth Slama, 22, of 2119 Sixteenth Avenue. The vehicle sideswiped a second car on the Bay Bridge shortly before 4 a. m. yesterday.

Pfeffer's eight pound son was born at 7:29 a. m. and the mother was not immediately notified of the tragedy.

Miss Slama and another woman passenger, Doris Conger, 28, of 2249 Irving Street were taken to Highland Hospital and later transferred to French Hospital. Other passengers in the Selma car, all of whom suffered injuries, were Frank M. Kibbish, 25, of Sebastopol and Charles C. Williamson, a sailor.

MARINE DRIVER—

The second car was driven by William Fimbres, a marine, of 2311 Buchanan Street, San Francisco. Passengers were two sailors, Walter T. Norwood and Burton E. Goans, all of whom were taken to Treasure Island Hospital.

The accident occurred when Miss Slama's car swerved over the double line, about a mile and one half west of the toll house on the Oakland side, according to the highway patrol. The group was returning from a dance at Fairfax, Marin County, officers said.

Townsend was fatally injured Saturday night near Palo Alto

when he was struck by an automobile as he and his companion, Miss Ann Anderson, crossed the highway.

NAVY CAR HIT—

The car was driven by Leo P. Garcia, 19, of Gilroy. Miss Anderson suffered minor injuries.

A sailor, FM1/c Henry Dixon, 24, suffered severe cuts when the Navy station wagon in which he was riding collided with a taxi yesterday morning at Sixth and Harrison Streets.

The Navy driver, WT2/c Bond Duke, 25, was cited for speeding. Ann Meehan, 25, of 151 Central Avenue was the driver of the cab.



SPAN FATALITY—

State Highway Patrolman William Zensuis, left, and Ray Quirolo inspect the damage

of two automobiles which collided on the Bay Bridge early yesterday, causing the death of Coast Guardsman and serious injuries to several others.

The crash occurred when one car swerved over the double line a mile and a half west of the Oakland side toll house and sideswiped the other machine.

—International News Photo.



CRASH VICTIM—

Ambulance Steward Irving Thomas, left, and Driver Martin Welch bandage FM1/c Henry Dixon, who was injured in a crash yesterday between a taxicab and a station wagon.

—International News Photo.

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Victims of Explosion On Ship Identified

Victims of an explosion aboard the Navy oiler Suamico, tied up at Kaiser Shipyard No. 2, Richmond, were identified by Naval authorities yesterday as S1c Earl Wesley Watson, 19, who was killed, and S1c Garland E. Nelson, 20.

Watson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson, of Raymond, Kan. Garland, who is in a critical condition at the Oakland Naval Hospital, is the son of Mrs. Blanche Nelson, of Milnor, N.D.

The youths were working on an after gun emplacement when oil fumes exploded, the Navy said.

26 Dead in C-47 Near Truckee; 7 Aboard B-29 Hunted

Hampered by snow, fog, rain, mud and near-zero visibility an Army search-rescue party today fought to reach the wreckage of the giant B-29 Superfort which crashed in the Livermore hills yesterday morning. Hope for its crew of seven was abandoned.

The plane was sighted from the air at dusk yesterday 10 feet below the crest of a 3820-foot peak in the hills 15 miles southeast of Livermore and five miles east of Calaveras reservoir.

RESCUE PARTY OUT

Army rescue personnel from the 475th Air Base Unit were immediately dispatched from Castle Field near Merced.

The rescue party toiled through snow, rain and mud throughout the night and at dawn today still had not found the wreckage.

Attempts to re-locate the plane from the air failed temporarily this morning when a search plane from the Livermore Naval Air Station was forced to return to its station because of radio trouble.

The plane, Naval officers said, was to try to locate the wreckage and guide the ground party to the scene by maintaining radio contact with a Navy radio truck which joined the Army searchers in the Livermore hills.

TO REJOIN SEARCH

Repairs were rushed on the plane's radio and it was scheduled to rejoin the search as soon as possible.

Rescue headquarters were set up in a mountain cabin at the head of a winding, narrow dirt road.

Army personnel reached the scene in ambulances and jeeps.

One ambulance slipped from the treacherous road, overturned and fell into a ditch. No one was injured in the accident, according to Deputy Sheriff L. E. Van Patten of the Livermore Sheriff's office.

FLIGHT OF FIVE PLANES

The four-engined bomber was one of a flight of five bound from Hawaii for Hamilton Field. The other four landed safely, one at Oakland Airport and three at Fairfield-Suisun Army Base.

Pilot of the ill-fated plane radioed ahead a few hours out of Hawaii that all the plane's motors were functioning badly.

Due at 11 p. m. Monday, the plane failed to land at that time. She was last heard from at 3 a. m.

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TRUCKEE, March 20 (U.P.)—A mountain blizzard and lack of heavy lifting equipment early today forced rescue parties temporarily to halt efforts to remove the bodies of 26 Army and Navy personnel from the wreckage of a crashed C-47 transport plane near here.

Twenty-four bodies—only 10 of which have been identified—had been recovered at 3:30 a. m. when weary rescuers decided to halt the search for the two other missing victims believed pinned in the wreckage.

FIVE-FOOT DRIFTS
They hoped to resume their efforts later this morning. For more than six hours they had worked in freezing cold to dig the bodies from five-foot, hard-packed snowdrifts or cut them from the twisted steel of the transport which exploded and crashed 1/2 miles north of here yesterday.

Bulldozers and other heavy lifting equipment being rushed from McClelland Field to raise the wreckage, were bogged down in a snowstorm on Donner Pass. It was feared it would be many hours before this equipment could be gotten through heavy snow and across rickety Proffer Creek bridge to the scene.

An Army board of investigation from Stockton Air Base was on the spot in an effort to determine the cause of the crash.

The casualty list includes several high-ranking Army and Navy officers and many enlisted men who were en route to separation centers for discharge.

EN ROUTE TO DENVER
The plane was en route from Stockton Air Base to Denver, Colo., when, according to eye witnesses, it "exploded like a puff of fire" and spun crazily into the 6000-foot pine-covered Sierra Nevada mountain-side, scattering bodies and wreckage over a half-mile area.

Bodies were thrown out with such force they were buried deep in hard, ice-crusted snowdrifts. Others were caught in the unrecognizable remains of the fuselage, which left a nine-foot depression in the snow and soft earth that looked like a bomb crater.

The main part of the plane crashed 20 feet from the tail section.

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Blizzard Stalls Crash Rescuers

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tion and sheared off a 70-foot piece.

EYE WITNESS' STORY
The bodies were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Heater, of Hobart Mills, a lumbering village about nine miles north of Truckee. Heater saw the crash. He said:

"The first thing I saw was this great big flame and then I heard the explosion. I saw one wing and one motor break away and motor was still running. The other think. Then the main body spiraled down, breaking into pieces."

The plane was found about three hours later by a searching party led by H. I. Snider, Truckee forest ranger. Ambulances and ramento and Auburn were brought to the scene.

Crash Victims Listed by Army
STOCKTON, March 20 (P). —The Army announced today the

names of Army and Navy men aboard the C-47 transport plane which crashed yesterday near Truckee. Twenty-three bodies have been counted and the other three are presumed dead.

The list:

1st Lieut. Richard C. Ehlers, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, next of kin, Mrs. Lauretta Ehlers, Midway, Utah.
Hospital, Oakland, Mother, Mrs. D. L. Ross, Terre Haute, Ind.
2nd Raymond L. Schneider, Camp Shoemaker, Next of kin, Mrs. J. L. Barryman, 822 Patonville, Cuckoo, Tex.
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7 Hunted On B-29

Snow, Fog Delays Livermore Search

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Tuesday when she asked the Hayward Army Air Base for landing directions. The base was unable to answer because it did not possess two-way radio equipment.

Wreckage of the giant aircraft was sighted yesterday afternoon by Lawrence E. Atwood, a civilian pilot flying a private plane from Castle Field.

PLANE IDENTIFIED

Atwood relayed his information to Army authorities. Capt. J. M. Clark, of the Army Air Transport Command at Hamilton Field, reached the scene by air at 5:15 p. m. and identified the plane by numbers on its tail.

Clark reported:

"Its huge tail was clearly visible.

"Part of the wreckage had carried over the mountain top and was strewn down the far side. There was no sign of life apparent."

Atwood said the plane apparently burned after crashing. He said he saw what appeared to be a burned area on the ground extending about 150 feet from the plane.

DETAILS UNKNOWN
Whether the B-29 crashed seconds after its contact with the Hayward base or whether it cruised around in the early morning darkness and crashed when it ran out of gas was not determined.

An investigation board was en route to the scene from the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base to probe the crash.

Army officials said the plane had fuel enough to last until approximately 3:25 a. m.—25 minutes after it contacted the Hayward base.

The B-29 was one of many planes participating in "Operation Sunset," the return of war-weary planes and flyers from overseas.

33 Dead in 2 Crashes, Belief

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Ground crews battled storms and mountains today to reach and remove bodies of seven crewmen presumably killed when a B-29 superfortress crashed into the Livermore mountains and 26 Army and Navy men found dead after a C-47 transport exploded and struck the snow-covered Sierra near Truckee.

Both accidents which allied Army air bases throughout Northern California yesterday in their greatest peacetime double tragedy occurred within a few hours and less than 150 miles of each other.

Meanwhile, the 12th Naval District today reported a torpedo bomber with only a pilot aboard was long overdue on a flight from the Alameda Naval Air Base to Madera. The plane took off yesterday morning for the flight of less than 150 miles.

HITS HIGH RIDGE

The giant superfortress being returned from Pacific war service to the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air base crashed into a 4800-foot ridge 15 miles south of Livermore and five miles northeast of Calaveras Dam.

Led by Alameda County sheriff's deputies. Army and Navy men struggled through the rugged back country today after the wreckage of the plane was sighted at dusk yesterday by Lawrence E. Atwood, a private pilot, and later identified by Capt. J. M. Clark, pilot of an Army search-rescue plane.

Clark said there was no apparent sign of life. The plane, he said, had missed the top of the slope by only 10 feet.

Long overdue, the plane had been in trouble since a few hours after leaving Hawaii when the pilot reported one motor had failed. It continued, however, reporting itself over the Farallon Islands early yesterday morning and then its last signal was a "weak and uncertain" message received at Mather Field, Sacramento, about 3 a. m.

TRANSPORT EXPLODES
While the Army, Navy and Coast Guard instituted a widespread sea and air search for the B-29, the C-47 military transport, en route from Stockton to Hill Field, Ogden, with high-ranking military personnel aboard, crashed.

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VICTIMS OF C-47 PLANE CRASH LISTED BY ARMY

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maker, Calif.; father, Vincent Iulucel, Brooklyn, N.Y.
MOMM 2c Melvin S. Van Riper, Mare Island Navy base; Mrs. Laura Van Riper, Route 1, Vestal, N.Y.
Lieut. Frank W. Davis, Mare Island Navy base; Mrs. Herbie Davis, Canton, Tex.

KIN AT COLUSA
Ens. Gino C. Caletti, Philadelphia; Frank Caletti, Colusa, Calif.

ETM 3c Stephen R. Kirsch, U.S.S. R. H. Smith; Mrs. R. Kirsch, Cedarhurst, L.I., N.Y.
S 1c Gerald P. Udell, U.S.S. H. A. Wiley; Mattie Udell, Philadelphia, Penn.

QM 3c Robert A. McGee, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph W. McGee, Manjua, N.J.
Lieut. (j.g.) John C. Shaw, Newark, N.J.; C. C. Shaw, East Orange, New Jersey.

First Lieut. James E. Milton, Stockton air base, Calif.; wife, Marion B. Milton, Stockton.
Second Lieut. Richard F. Simpson, 550 A.A.F.B.U.; Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Thomaston, Ga.

Capt. Richard K. Young, pilot, 3531 San Mateo Street, Stockton; wife, Mrs. Richard K. Young, Stockton.

First Lieut. Louis N. Duesing, co. Beale, Calif.; Mrs. Beatrice Easter, Stockton; no kin listed.
Sgt. Antone J. Esgro, flight clerk, Denver, Colo.; no kin listed.
Pvt. Willie B. Wilson, Camp Beale, Calif.; Mrs. Beatrice Easter, St. Louis, Mo.

ARMY LISTS 26 ABOARD C-47 NEAR TRUCKEE

The Army announced last night the names of Army and Navy men aboard the C-47 transport plane which crashed yesterday near Truckee. Twenty-three bodies have been counted and the three others are presumed dead. The list:

MM 3c Lyle C. Dykes, Mare Island naval station; next of kin, Mrs. H. N. Dykes, Morrill, Neb.

HA 1c Richard O. Ehlers, naval hospital, Oakland; next of kin, Mrs. Lauretta Ehlers, wife, Midway, Utah.
Capt. Donald A. Bride, of Cincinnati, O.; next of kin, Mrs. Adeline Bride, Plattville, Wis.

S 2c Raymond L. Schneider, Camp Shoemaker; next of kin, Mrs. J. L. Barryman, Cuckoo, Tex.
Lieut. Cmdr. L. S. Stark, Hunters Point, Calif.; wife, Mrs. Dorcas Stark, Menlo Park, Calif.

QM 3c Floyd R. Sundgren, U.S.S. Bondia; Mrs. A. W. Sundgren, Salina, Kans.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOST
Lieut. Col. Clyde M. Taylor, headquarters A.T.S., Wright Field, Dayton, O.; wife, Mrs. Bess Taylor, Washington, D.C.

First Lieut. Ervin P. Cue, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; mother, Mary Q. Kennedy, McMinnville, Ore.
SK 3c Maurice L. Rose, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland; mother, Mrs. D. L. Rose, Terre Haute, Ind.

Y 2c Charles R. Brannan, Mare Island Naval Station; mother, Mrs. George F. Brannan, Chicago.
Pvt. Glenn P. Dickerson, Camp Beale, Calif.; Mrs. Agnes Dickerson, Southern Junior College, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cpl. William T. Woodhouse, Camp Beale, Calif.; Arnoe M. Woodhouse, Yardley, Pa.
S 2c Pasqual Iulucel, Camp Shoemaker, Calif.

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Richmond Doctor, Sailor Hurt In Eastshore Auto Crash

A head-on collision on the Eastshore overpass in Albany today hospitalized two Richmond men, according to Albany police.

Dr. Samuel A. Twain, 44, of 5900 Fresno avenue, Richmond, was held in Berkeley Hospital for a possible fractured hip and lacerations of the scalp and chin.

Eugene B. Burg, 26, U. S. N. chief quartermaster, of 4300 Wall street, Richmond, was treated at Berkeley Hospital for lacerations of the forehead, face, chin and left hand and then transferred to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

Albany police said the accident occurred at 7:20 p. m. yesterday

when Burg's car assertedly crossed the double line and struck Dr. Twain's car.

Fire Destroys Hay, Imperils Oak Knoll

Fifty-four firemen, 20 volunteers and 10 hill and pump fire trucks battled for more than an hour yesterday afternoon before they succeeded in putting out a fire that burned almost 30 acres of hay between Golf Links Road and Oak Knoll Hospital and threatened homes in the Oak Knoll district.

The fire, which flared up the hillside from Golf Links Road at 4 p.m. yesterday, came within 30 yards of Granada Street residences and within a half-mile of Oak Knoll Hospital before it was fully under control.

Joe Molder, 2039 85th Avenue, estimated the loss of his hay at several hundred dollars, partially covered by insurance. Fourth Battalion Chief Bernard Dosley was in charge of fire fighters.

Three Others in Hospital After Accident Here

An El Cerrito man is fighting for his life in Oak Knoll Naval hospital today and three other persons are nursing injuries suffered in a collision at the intersection of East Shore boulevard and Central avenue shortly after midnight last night.

In critical condition in the Naval hospital with a possible skull fracture is Wayne C. Cook, 30, of 557 Norvell street, El Cerrito. Also confined to Oak Knoll hospital for treatment is Robert A. Grizzle, 20, of Vallejo, who suffered a broken nose.

The collision involved cars driven by Cook and Grizzle, Merle Dunn, 22, of Oakland, riding in Cook's car, and Reynold J. Lundberg, 20, of Vallejo, a passenger in the Grizzle machine, received emergency treatment at Field hospital for minor injuries.

According to the police report, the accident occurred when Cook attempted a left turn onto East Shore from Central. The front ends of both autos were demolished, police said.

In a traffic mishap at Thirteenth street and Bissell avenue, Roberta A. Benton, 6, of 1306 Bissell avenue incurred a bruised eye when struck by a car operated by Charles J. Dixon, 37, 141 Sixteenth street.

Sandra Nelson, 4, 2917 Fourteenth street, apartment 3, escaped with an abrasion of the left knee when she was hit by a car operated by Luther D. Dabney, 57, of 2836 Clinton avenue at Twenty-third street and Macdonald avenue yesterday. Dabney was backing his car across the sidewalk after leaving a market.

Moses Walker, 3, of Canal building 76, apartment K, was uninjured when he darted into the path of a car driven by Harold E. Landreth, 26, of 906 Ninth street, on Virginia avenue yesterday.

Driver Killed In Fiery Car Crash on Span

Fatally burned when his car struck an Oakland Bay Bridge approach divider and burst into flame, Victorian A. Stankeeff, 52, San Francisco consulting engineer and veteran of the Czarist Russian Army in World War I, died at 8:20 a. m. today in Highland Alameda County Hospital.

Stankeeff suffered second and third degree burns over almost his entire body when his car crashed into a divider on the bridge approach at 12:40 a. m.

He had attended a party last night in Berkeley. Starting homeward, he became confused and turned back toward Oakland. Witnesses said he apparently started to follow the approach toward downtown Oakland, then changed his mind and turned toward the MacArthur boulevard approach. His car struck the divider separating the two and caught fire.

Coxswain Andrew Holden, a patient at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, who was en route to Oakland on the bridge approach, saw the crash and stopped his car to aid the victim. As he ran toward the car, Stankeeff rolled free. Holden threw his pea jacket over the victim to smother the flames, but Stankeeff already had been severely burned.

Auto Injuries Prove Fatal

Internal injuries suffered two months ago in an Winnemucca, Nev., auto accident which killed two other persons today had claimed the life of Mrs. Bonnie Green, 33, of 1179 Fruitvale avenue.

Mrs. Green died Tuesday night at Berkeley Hospital, according to the Alameda County Coroner's office. Her husband, Fred C. Green, a former service man, was reported still in critical condition at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital as a result of the accident.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Green are under direction of the Little Chapel of the Flowers

Burma Vet Car Victim

Wayne C. Cook Dies in Collision

A two-car collision in Richmond today had claimed the life of an El Cerrito veteran of World War II.

Wayne C. Cook, 30, of 557 Norvell street, El Cerrito, died late yesterday in Oak Knoll Naval Hospital of a skull fracture and other injuries suffered when the car he was driving collided with one driven by Robert Grizzle, 20, of 45 Parrott street, Vallejo, at Central avenue and East Shore boulevard, Richmond.

Parrott was still in Oak Knoll Hospital today. He suffered a nose fracture, cuts and bruises.

Mr. Cook was discharged from the Army last January as a lieutenant colonel. He served in the China-India-Burma theater as a Field Artillery officer, training troops at Rambarh, India, under Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell. Since his discharge, he had operated the Cal-Ore Equipment Company in Richmond.

A native of Merrill, Ore., Mr. Cook had resided in El Cerrito since returning from the Orient last year.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Paula Cook, and a son and daughter, Troy Edward, 7, and Sharen, 5, in El Cerrito; his mother, Mrs. Madeline Cook of Salem, Ore., and two brothers and a sister, Kile Cook of Salem, Troy V. Cook and Mrs. William Stolk of Klamath Falls.

Funeral arrangements await word from Oregon.

One Dead, 5 Hurt in Car Crash

Pleasure Drive Ends in Tragedy For Oaklanders

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geles where she is a University of Southern California student, cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Hazel Gilbert, 30, of 1900 26th avenue, Oakland, contusions and abrasions.

John Neves, 26, chief pharmacists' mate, USN, and Ed Wendlich, seaman, USN, both stationed at the navy's preflight school at St. Mary's college. Neves suffered a broken leg and is at Oak Knoll naval hospital. Wendlich escaped serious injury.

CAR OVERTURNS

The accident occurred at 12:28 a. m. today as the Oakland women were returning from Lafayette where they had gone on a pleasure drive while entertaining the visiting Miss Willis. They had offered the two sailors, who were hitchhiking to Oakland, a ride, state highway patrolmen reported.

Mrs. Hilton told officers that as she was driving the car to enter the east portal of the tunnel on the Contra Costa county side she became confused by lights and believed that another car was heading toward hers. She swerved sharply up the Fish Ranch road into a bank and the car overturned.

Miss Willis and Neves were pinned under the machine and were extricated by state highway patrolmen.

A Berkeley police ambulance was summoned to take the accident victims to Berkeley hospital. Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Willis were released from the hospital after first aid treatment.

One Dead, 5 Hurt in Car Crash

The wife of an Oakland fireman was killed and five other persons were injured early today when the car in which they were returning to Oakland failed to enter the eastern portal of the Broadway low-level tunnel on Tunnel road, skidded into a bank and overturned.

Killed was Mrs. Maxine Gohde, 27, of 2416 21st avenue, Oakland, wife of George Gohde, Oakland fireman. Mrs. Gohde suffered a broken neck and was pronounced dead on arrival at Berkeley hospital at 1 a. m.

FIVE INJURED

The injured:

• Mrs. Edra A. Hilton, 43, of 4101 Waterhouse road, Oakland, driver of the car, cuts and bruises. Mrs. Hilton is credit union manager at Friden Calculating company of San Leandro.

Miss Beverly Willis, 17, of Portland, sister of Mrs. Gohde, who is visiting in Oakland from Los An-

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Burns Sustained In Car Accident Fatal to Engineer

First and second degree burns suffered when his sedan overturned on the Bay Bridge and burst into flames yesterday caused the death of Victorian A. Stankeeff, 52.

His car had struck a concrete divider on the East Bay distribution ramp. An Oak Knoll Hospital naval patient, Andrew Holden, leaped from another car and smothered the victim's burning clothing with his jacket, but Stankeeff died about seven hours later at Highland Hospital.

The Coroner's office said his home was at 2041 Lyon street, San Francisco, that he was a consulting engineer for C. C. Moore Company and was a lieutenant colonel in the Russian army during the first World war. Stankeeff was not married.

Sailor Injured As Jeep Overtakes

Davis Cohen, 20, sailor of the U. S. Navy Hospital at Oak Knoll, suffered a fractured right leg and head injuries early yesterday morning when the jeep he was driving struck an embankment on Niles road and overturned. Thrown to the highway, the youth was given emergency treatment by two deputy sheriffs who witnessed the accident and then was removed to Fairmont Hospital.



Capt. A. H. Dearing, M.C., in command of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll, presents awards to (left to right) Albert J. Haywood, M. 1c, 987 Oak Street, San Francisco; Chester M. Belt, Ph., 1442 141st Street, San Leandro, and Stanley H. Nager, Ph.M. 1c, 2858 Scott Street, San Francisco. The ceremony was held at the hospital yesterday.—Tribune photo.

3 Bay Region Men Get Awards At Ceremony

Seventeen awards, including three to Bay area men, were presented by Capt. A. H. Dearing, MC, medical officer in command of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll, at ceremonies held at Gendreau Circle at the hospital yesterday.

Of the Bay area men, Albert J. Haywood, M 1/c, of 987 Oak Street, San Francisco, received the Presidential Unit Citation; Chester M. Belt, Ph., of 1442 141st Street, San Leandro, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, and Stanley H. Nager, Ph. 1/c, of 2856 Scott Street, San Francisco, Presidential Unit Citation.

The Navy Cross was awarded of World Wars I and II, received the Pvt. Calvin J. Bleau, of Marquette, Bronze Star for work as a public Mich. Lieut. Comdr. Carl L. Estes, relations officer on the staff of Com-Longview, Texas, publisher, veteran mander Escort Carrier Force.



LEFT—Fitting a cast for Sailor E. J. Brown of Eau Claire, Wis., at 424. Right, is Aide T. M. Irvine as Nurse Ensign G. K. Lemon assists.

Tubercular Vets Flown By Navy From Hawaii

In the first mass flight of tubercular Navy personnel to this country from overseas, twenty such patients arrived at Oakland Naval Air Station yesterday after a fourteen hour flight from Honolulu. None of the men, all combat veterans, was from the bay area.

The flight was also unique in that the plane, a four-motored Douglas Skymaster hospital ship of the Naval Air Transport Service, flew at 1,000 feet all the way, to eliminate the pressure that prevails at the usual higher altitudes. Some of the men are in "very advanced stages" of the disease, and speed in getting them out of the tropics made air transportation necessary, Navy doctors said.

The stricken men, who have been in Navy hospitals in Guam and Hawaii, were taken in ambulances to Oak Knoll Naval hospital, and after necessary treatment will be sent to hospitals near their home localities. They were attended during the flight by a flight nurse, Lieutenant Junior Grade Mary Jo Anne Sturcich, Hoquiam, Wash., and a hospital corpsman, Pharmacist's Mate First Class Max Talesnick, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Comparatively mild individual Navy tubercular cases have been flown to this country," said Captain Clinton De Foney, U. S. N., staff medical officer of Rear Admiral J. W. Reeves Jr.'s staff, "but this is the first time the Navy has brought in so many seriously ill of the disease from any war theater."

High-Point Sailors Must Sail

NAVY BREAKS ITS PLEDGE TO A SHIP HERE--- IT'S A CASE OF KEEPING SKILLED HANDS

The need for skilled sailors aboard Pacific-bound vessels is forcing the Navy to renege on certain of its rulings concerning the point system and discharge of enlisted men, a press spokesman for the 12th Naval District admitted yesterday.

Specifically, the renegeing concerned the repair ship Nereus, which is scheduled to sail Friday for Subic Bay in the Philippines with a crew which will include many men with more than 31 points—despite a 12th Naval District ruling that "men within six points of the current crucial point score (37) will not be sent on extended cruises or overseas duty."

The ship is needed to repair submarines; the men are specialists trained for specific jobs aboard the ship. So although there was some move yesterday to leave some of the higher point-men behind, the spokesman said "it did not appear possible" that the ruling could, in this case, be fully complied with.

"DISINTEGRATION" However, no men eligible for discharge during December will sail and as soon as men aboard ship become eligible for discharge, they will be returned to the States, he said.

This is a typical situation where the too-speedy discharge system is causing disintegration of the Navy, the 12th District spokesman said.

According to a telegram received from men aboard the newly-commissioned Nereus, some 300 of an 850-man crew will be eligible for discharge within two months.

A spokesman for Mare Island said

that the greater number of crewmen were vitally-needed specialists, and could not at this time be replaced. They also pointed out that a great many of the men had been based at Mare Island for a year or more and were overdue for sea duty.

This was countered by a spokesman for the crew who said he personally had been on three prior oversea drafts and each time had been declared essential and removed. The same situation applied to others, he said.

"In the Navy, you either get sent to sea, or you don't—but you yourself have nothing to say about that."

"If it was a matter of bringing troops home, we'd sail today, without complaint, regardless of how we stood on discharge," said another seaman. "But this is a repair ship, and we're liable to be stuck over there for many months, what with shipping space the way it is."

Navy officials said that the same renegeing might have to be done in other ships, if qualified replacements could not be found.

The 12th Naval District also divulged another "headache" yesterday upon inquiries from The Chronicle.

The cruiser Tuscaloosa, a member of the "magic carpet" fleet returning men from the Pacific, will be unable to sail until it is determined what condition aboard the ship was causing an outbreak of "albuminuria," an irritation of the kidneys.

Upon the ship's arrival here recently from China coast ports and Subic Bay, 70 of the 90 crew mem-

bers were hospitalized for what was described as an annoying but not serious affliction. At one time during the voyage 50 per cent of the crew were ailing, a Navy spokesman said.

The cause of the affliction is unknown, although a similar outbreak occurred on a recently arrived Dutch merchantman. It is being studied by civilian medical experts, including Dr. Thomas Addis of Stanford University, in addition to Navy doctors at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

The fresh water system aboard the Tuscaloosa was tested as a possible source of trouble, but was found to be pure.

The ship was to have sailed tomorrow, but Naval doctors deemed it unwise. The ship will not sail now until cause of the affliction and its relation, if any, to shipboard conditions is determined, the Navy said.

NO MORE CONVERSIONS Other developments in redeployment:

1—No more Liberty ships are being converted into troopships, according to Frank Young, War Shipping Administration official in Manila. Young said too many problems were involved in the conversion, the greatest of which was equipping them with sufficient life rafts.

"We have lost four ships since the end of the war due to mines, and skippers report many are still floating in the Pacific," he explained.

Young said 30 Liberty ships had been converted to carriers and each had completed or would shortly complete one homeward trip with

about 800 men each.

But the need for them—if they were ever really needed—is now finished, Young told the United Press.

2—Coast Guard headquarters in San Francisco published a warning that mines planted during the war will endanger shipping in the Pacific for several years. Large areas are now restricted because of mine hazards, but are being swept as rapidly as possible.

3—The home-by-Christmas troop movement will reach its peak next week, when 171,253 Army and Navy men are scheduled to land at West Coast ports, Western Sea Frontier headquarters reported. Top day will be Monday, December 17, when 33,544 men are due to arrive.

The railroads, to meet their end of the bargain have withdrawn an additional 1000 passenger cars to be used as troop transports, according to Charles H. Buford, vice president of the Association of American Rail-

roads. This withdrawal will make it virtually impossible for civilians to travel by rail during the holiday season except under conditions of extreme hardship, he told Associated Press in Chicago.

74 on U.S. Warship Stricken in Week

VALLEJO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Naval and civil medical authorities are seeking to determine the cause of an epidemic aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, which has sent 74 crewmen to the hospital in the past week.

The ailment, diagnosed as albuminuria, a kidney irritation, is not dangerous but extremely painful.

Naval authorities said the Tuscaloosa, on duty transporting soldiers home from the Pacific, would not sail from Mare Island until cause of the ailment had been determined.

The illness was first noticed when the ship was in Subic Bay and occurred later in the Yellow Sea. At the time 51 per cent of the crew of 1,000 were ill.

Tests Seek Cause Of Cruiser Malady

By United Press

VALLEJO, Dec. 13.—Navy medical officers conducted tests today to determine the cause of a mysterious illness that has hospitalized 74 men of the cruiser Tuscaloosa in the past nine days.

Crew members first were stricken when the Tuscaloosa was in Subic Bay in the Philippines last August, and later in the Yellow Sea. A Mare Island Navy Yard medical official said, however, that the illness "may have been serious under tropical conditions but under present circumstances can be described as mild."

OW Yule Furloughs Ordered Reinstated

FORT CUSTER, Mich., Dec. 22.—Christmas furloughs, previously canceled for soldiers at the prisoner-war camp here in order to process prisoners for return to Germany, have been reinstated. Army officials announced here today.

Maj. Charles E. Gilbert, camp executive officer, said the reinstatement was possible because of a War Department move yesterday that

Kidney Ills Sweep Ship's Crew

VALLEJO, Dec. 13 (AP).—has sent 74 of the crewmen to the hospital in the last week. It is extremely painful, but not dangerous. First illnesses were experienced when the ship was in Subic Bay, and later in the Yellow Sea. More

albuminuria, a kidney irritation, were ill at one time.

Oak Knoll Patients To Be Honored

Oak Knoll naval hospital patients will be honored tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. at the monthly USO-UJW supper at the Jewish community center, 724 14th street, Oakland.

Transportation for the men will be provided by the United Jewish Women's coordinating committee, according to Mrs. Edward I. Kushner and Mrs. Abraham Bachman, co-chairmen of the event.



ART CAREER FOR EX-MARINE

Charles F. Boone, Oakland veteran at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, will soon start his formal art education at California College of Arts and Crafts. He has practiced finger painting for past 30 months while recovering from wounds. He lost a leg when a Jap mortar shell exploded between his feet.

—Post-Enquirer photo.



Col. Frank C. Myers (left), given the Bronze Star for a supply job at Okinawa, and his son, First Lieut. Stephen Myers, who won the same medal in Holland, examine one of the souvenirs of war—a German Luger.—Tribune photo.

FATHER AND SON BACK FROM WARS---BOTH BE-MEDALED

**Battling Pair Return to Oakland,
'Lucky to Be Home All in One Piece'**

SPORTING bronze star medals and several rows of ribbons, a fighting pair of Myerses—father and son—were back in Oakland today, filling in the high spots after three or four years of war which took them against different enemies in opposite sides of the world.

With good reason, they feel a little lucky to be home "in one piece," although Col. Frank C. Myers, Marine, still is undergoing treatment at the Oakland Naval Hospital and First Lieut. Stephen Myers, Army, carries the scars of a bomb burst in his ankle, leg and side.

Colonel Myers, on leave as assistant city engineer of Oakland, actually returned to the family home at 2525 Delmar Street over a month ago, but his son rolled into town this week, after arriving with the 82nd Airborne Division to a tumultuous New York reception.

PROUD OF EACH OTHER

They have respect for each other's service, the colonel as an old-time Marine who planned and executed shore party operations at Okinawa, the lieutenant as a member of the parachute troops, the 101st Division that fought through 60 days of hell in Holland and again at Bastogne in the Belgian Bulge.

Shy and reserved about their activities, eager to speak the praises of the other, they revealed under mutual prodding that both had received the Bronze Star, Stephen for leading an infantry platoon during two months of battle in Holland; the colonel, as a token of the Army's appreciation of his job in getting supplies ashore on Okinawa.

As shore party commander for "Iceberg" operations—as Okinawa then was designated, he planned

the "beach supplies" angle of the invasion, giving the corps the ammunition, food and equipment that led to its successes.

In May he joined corps headquarters as assistant to the corps engineer and devoted his activities to the problems of water, roads and bridges.

Sent, after training at Guam, to China as corps engineer, he was evacuated a month later with a tropical skin disease which he refers to laconically as "the itch." When that clears up he expects to return to his work with the City of Oakland.

STEPHEN'S WAR SERVICE

Stephen got his degree from the University of California just in time to enter the Army in October, 1942, and a year later was on his way to England. He went into action with his unit on D-Day in Normandy, but made his first "jump" into combat over Holland.

A German shell "chewed" him up a bit toward the end of his 60 days of "back to the wall" fighting in Holland, sending him to a hospital in Belgium which subsequently was hit by a buzz bomb.

Six weeks later he was back with the boys at Bastogne, getting in on the "tail end" of that "clam bake." After V-E Day, Lieutenant Myers was assigned to duty in Berchtesgaden, famous retreat of Nazi war leaders, and with thousands of other GI's inspected the beautifully-furnished underground rooms that remained as the only souvenir of Hitler's stronghold.

Mrs. Myers, mother and wife of the two fighting men, has "carried on" in their absence, she said, as a teacher and "trouble shooter" for the Oakland Board of Education.

HOSPITAL SKETCHES BY STRATTON



Sketched at
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, Calif.

STRATTON
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Seaman 1st Class RALPH LINVILLE

BORN JAN 29, 1925, AT KELSO, WASHINGTON... ATTENDED YREKA HIGH SCHOOL HOME TOWN - RICHMOND... WAS FORMERLY A TRUCK DRIVER... SERVED ABOARD USS COLUMBIA 360-PHILIPS - 4 OTHERS IN THE ALEUTIANS, SO. PACIFIC, SAIDAN, ETC... PURPLE HEART + 11 STARS... FUTURE PLANS - BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF



Food-Poisoned 91 Recovering

Ninety-one Navy men, stricken by apparent food poisoning at Richmond, will be released from treatment by Wednesday, officials reported last night.

Fifty-five men, taken to the Oakland Naval Hospital, will be released tomorrow or Tuesday.

Thirty-six others treated on the hospital ship Benevolence will be released Tuesday or Wednesday.

The men became ill Friday night. Sixteen ambulances were dispatched to take the group of 55 to the Oakland Naval Hospital.

There was no fatalities.

The men were working on vessels being decommissioned at Richmond Shipyard No. 2. They had been quartered aboard the barge Calistoga, and had had a late lunch there.

Food aboard the Calistoga was ordered subjected to laboratory analysis.

Pfc. Charles Boone Wields A Wicked Arm And Hand

Two month after Pfc. Charles Boone had been admitted to Mare Island Hospital, the Educational Officer mentioned to a representative of Arts and Skills that the patient was interested in art. Mrs. Stephen L. Denning of the Berkeley Red Cross Arts and Skills, was sent to see him.

For fifteen months she paid him weekly visits — sometimes instructing him privately and sometimes working with groups of other patients.

Finger painting as a part of the Arts and Skills program was going full tilt at Mare Island Hospital. The Corps was well equipped with supplies and was very prompt in responding to all referrals of patients as prospective students. Boone became tremendously interested in finger painting and soon developed a high degree of skill.

Transferred to Oak Knoll Hospital in August, Boone has continued his hobby with materials supplied through Camp and Hospital channels. When at work he draws quite a crowd of "doubting Thomases" who don't believe it possible to paint with your fingers, hands and arms, and actually produce a picture. Their interest and enthusiasm has been so great that Pfc. Boone is now conducting classes in finger painting for other patients in the hospital.

VETERANS GO FISHING



Veterans from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital went fishing yesterday and did not return empty-handed. Here they are with all sorts of specimens from the briny deep. They were guests of the Yerba Buena Angl Club headed by President Bert Friedberg.



There were good eats for the boys too. Joseph Arraro (center) is mixing up a batch of spaghetti. At his left is Assistant Napoleon Gennaro. There was plenty of beef and other tasty morsels to whet the veterans' appetites.



Paul Gennaro of Oakland N. H. is holding a skate which was included in the day's catch. Behind him are Bruce Burrows and Franklin S. H. and William Nail of Logansport, Mich. Sam Tarantino skippered the fishing craft.



Steve Szabo of Detroit is entitled to special mention for it was he who made the first catch. Ted Kessler of the angling club is the happy gent in the checkered jacket. Photos by Joe H. H. H.

Disabled Vets Attend Opera



SOME OF THE 150 IN THE BOXES

Disabled veterans (about 150) attended opera dress rehearsal of "Romeo and Juliet" at Opera House last night. Four above (left to right): Sgt. Charles Tasselman, Cpl. John Dion, Hosp. Appr. 1/c Richard Myers, Maj. Robt. Johnston, Marines from Oak Knoll.



HEAR 'ROMEO AND JULIET'

Listening to the "Romeo and Juliet" dress rehearsal last night at Opera House are (left to right) Ph. 3/c J. A. Lackner, Lt. (J. g.) W. F. Kaufman, Lt. Cmdr. R. M. Foulkes.



All smiles are Marine Sgt. J. White, 25, Pacific veteran, and his wife, Esther, of 1560 Alice Street, at the Oakland Naval Hospital, where he is convalescing from wounds suffered on Okinawa. He also served on Peleliu.

As
SPORTS
EDITOR
Sees It

BILL LEISER

Softball Team of Disabled War Veterans Whips 5 Out of 6 Able-Bodied Opponents

THE GIMPS ARE A GANG you should know about. They've done a lot for you and are now doing considerable for themselves. To report of them, we turn the column today over to LIEUTENANT A. W. VINSON, who writes:

An athletic phenomenon is taking place at the Oakland Naval Hospital. Twenty-eight patients, permanently disabled by peripheral nerve injuries received in Pacific battles of World War II, have banded together in a softball team. They are the Livingston Limp Gimps.



BILL LEISER

Members of the Gimps, representing 18 States and seven campaigns, fall into three categories: Those awaiting surgery, those operated upon whom the doctors are studying for any progressive developments, and the last group whose cases are being watched to determine whether or not surgery is necessary to bring about any further improvement.

To qualify for a position on the Gimps, a man must have either a fouled-up arm or bum leg. Two of the men on the team each have two disabled limbs. Far from being a broken-down outfit with no trade-in value, they already have won five games and lost only one against able-bodied opponents. (It can be whispered or mumbled incoherently that the opposition was comprised of staff personnel.)

Average Time at Oak Knoll Is 14 Months

The organization came into being one day in mid-May of this year when Marine Pfc. Walter T. Hale of St. Louis was watching two fellow patients play catch in a court between wards. "Hey, how about getting up a ball club?" he called to them.

It was a good idea, the three decided, so they approached the guys on the other two wards of Captain William K. Livingston's nerve clinic and dug up 13 other Marines, 10 sailors and 2 veterans who immediately fell in with the suggestion.

On the spot a voluntary physical rehabilitation project was put into motion, later approved of by hospital authorities as being a big booster for general compound morale.

It is significant that the Gimps' average time at Oak Knoll is almost 14 months. Ordinarily, this would entitle them to an A priority on "hospitalitis," the mental rut into which some patient's slide for lack of something to do.

Topping the list of the Gimps' long termers is Pfc. William Meakis, Calumet City, Ill., with 22 months. Runner-up is James C. Murphy, GM 3/c, Newburg, N. Y., with 19 months. Two men have been hospitalized for a year and a half; one, 17 months; one, 16 months, and six, 15 months. Some of them dryly refer to themselves as "professional patients."

(Time is a great factor in the study of these cases because nerves are the slowest regenerating organs in the body.)

Originally the Gimps organized for their own spare-time pleasure and exercise, but one afternoon while they were practicing, a driver from the transportation department yelled over the fence to challenge them to a game. This started the Gimps playing an unscheduled series, taking on all comers—as long as they are made up of able-bodied men.

Wet Weather Influenced Gimps' Only Loss

The two men coaching them also are patients. They are John Henderson, an Army veteran from San Francisco, and Platoon Sergeant Jesse James Sutfin, Kenova, Ky. Henderson played football, soccer and baseball while attending George Washington High School from 1939-41. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and fought through the German campaign. Sutfin belonged to the company of the 28th Marine Regiment that crossed two Jima in 90 minutes on D Day to seal off Mt. Suribachi. He was an All-America center at Duke in 1940 and played against Oregon State in the Rose Bowl Game of 1942.

The Gimps lost their only game, 9-3, when they played the Brig Guards on a rainy afternoon. Pfc. Ben Garcia of Peoria, Ariz., ace twirler of the Gimps who has a fouled-up leg as well as an arm involvement, had a hard time gripping the slippery ball. To prove that this was a reason and not an alibi they recently trounced the Brig Guards in a return game on a dry field, 19-3.

Performing tricks of the "limp gimp trade" are right fielder Pfc. Carl McGee of Paris, Texas, and left fielder Walter Osborne, S2/c of Philadelphia, Penn. McGee, heaviest hitter of the Gimps with four home runs to his credit, has a bad right hand. When he fields a ball, he has to take his mitt off and throw in with his left arm. Osborne, runner-up in batting average, does the same.

Teddy Bear Mascot Has 'Limp Gimp Glint'

Catcher Pfc. Russell Pollard of Cynthiana, Ky., says his bum left hand telegraphs an "electric current" to his right ear every time a fast ball plops into his mit. Umpire Pfc. Freddie Hartmann of Lockport, Ill., grins at Pollard, who swears he plays by ear, being able to tell a ball from a strike by the degree of "voltage" generated.

The only fully uniformed player on the Gimps is Max E. Davis, EM 3/c, of Fredericksburg, Ia. As the team clown, he is allowed a few extra errors, but when he muffs a peg at first base his mates remind him that if he doesn't "get on the ball" the uniform will be worn on a rotation basis.

Members of the team have to squeeze in time for practice after finishing their respective daily details. On game nights the Gimps miss supper; so they flip up to see who goes out to a nearby cafe for a bag full of hamburgers and a jug of coffee.

The team mascot, Gimpy, was acquired as the result of a mission of mercy by Pfc. Hale, manager. On his way back from a practice session, Hale espied a brown teddy bear floating head down in the hospital swimming pool. He pulled him out and took him to his ward. Later that day someone put a bandage and splint on Gimpy's right arm and slipped a blue sweater on him. Gimpy's rolling black eyes took on a real "limp gimp glint" and since that time he has never missed a game, hanging on the backstop to see that the ump calls 'em right for his team.

Navy Hospital at San Bruno Considered

The Navy would build a hospital here if it could find a site within the city limits. Representative Frank Havenner advised the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

In his telegram, Havenner told the Chamber that the Navy is now considering sites at Oak Knoll or San Bruno. He said that Admiral Ross McIntire, Navy surgeon general, prefers San Bruno because it is closer to San Francisco.

Oak Knoll Victor

Oak Knoll Naval Hospital's all-patient soft ball team, the Limp Gimps, defeated staff members of San Leandro Naval Hospital 7-2 yesterday on the Oak Knoll diamond.

'GIMP' SOFTBALLERS WIN 13TH IN ROW

The incomparable Gimps, those lithe-limbed Oakland Naval Hospital patients with the conditioned limp, extended their winning streak to 13 games by defeating the Oakland Naval Supply Depot softball team, 6-4, yesterday afternoon at the Depot field.

To date the Gimps, each member of whom has either a permanently disabled arm or leg, have won 15 games and lost only one against able-bodied opponents.

NOTEBOOK Sports By Louis Duino

SAN JOSE STATE'S HOPES for a post-season "bowl" clash are riding high right now. The Spartans have an eye on the Raisin Bowl at Fresno and they've got a good chance of getting the bid if they can go the rest of the way undefeated. This means knocking Fresno's own pride and joy—Fresno State—out of contention when the two rivals clash here late in November.

The task of whipping the rest of the opponents is no small one. Coach Bill Hubbard's men have three straight contests on the road and that's not good. When the opponent has you in his own back yard he has a distinct advantage. San Jose's next three games are against Santa Barbara, College of Pacific and San Diego State. The Spartans shouldn't encounter too much difficulty, but Pacific and San Diego can very definitely worry Hubbard's men.

After beating Fresno State last Saturday the San Diego eleven looms as the team San Jose must beat in the race for California Collegiate Athletic Association honors. Bob Bronzon, Spartan assistant coach, scouted the Aztecs last week and was greatly impressed. He said Fresno was lucky to get by with a one touch-down loss. It could just as easily have been four. Bronzon said San Diego is one of the best coached teams he's seen this year.

There are reports, incidentally, that all is not well on the Fresno campus and that perhaps the Bulldogs are falling apart. Fresno hasn't lived up to pre-season expectations and there could be some foundation for the dissension rumors. We wouldn't count on this prospect too much, however, for Southern California's Trojans have proven to all interested that a team can overcome internal strife. They'll be tough when they come to San Jose.

Conference Race

THE PACIFIC COAST Conference football race ought to take on a very definite California flavor after games this week. At the present time Oregon, Oregon State and Washington are in the first five. Southern California's Trojans are favored to oust Oregon from second spot when the rivals clash in Los Angeles and Stanford can pull up into a tie with Oregon State and Washington by whipping the Beavers Saturday.

Here's how the Conference teams may shape up Saturday night: UCLA, USC, Oregon, Stanford, Washington, Oregon State, Washington State, California, Montana and Idaho.

Rehabilitation

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MEMBERS of the Professional Golfers' Association will probably start construction of a three-hole pitch and putt course at the Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital some time after the first of the year. The pro golfers have already spent \$3000 for the erection of a driving range at the Oak Knoll hospital and have a balance of about \$1500 in the treasury with which to begin work at Palo Alto. It will require \$3000 to build the three-hole course, which will have nine tees so that the boys can get a variety of shots, so the balance must be raised through events which the district PGA will hold this coming Winter and Spring.

Throughout the country last year the PGA raised better than \$750,000, all of which was spent for the rehabilitation of veterans. The forthcoming events are a part of your support.

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200 Sailors Stricken by Ptomaine

Nearly 200 navy enlisted men were hospitalized in Oakland today after being stricken by food poisoning in Richmond.

They were taken to naval hospitals last night when they complained of severe stomach cramps several hours after they had eaten ham sandwiches aboard the houseboat Calistoga docked at the Kaiser Richmond shipyard No. 2, according to Richmond police.

When the men first began becoming ill late yesterday they were rushed to the Richmond shipyard's field hospital for first aid. Later they began transferring them to Oak Knoll, Treasure Island and to the hospital ship Benevolent tied up at the Kaiser shipyard No. 3 in Richmond.

One navy spokesman said: "It is difficult to obtain an exact tally on how many men were made ill. Some went on liberty last night and were probably stricken."

Emergency rooms at Oak Knoll hospital were busy until early hours today with stomach pumps, it was reported.

None of the attacks proved fatal, although navy doctors said they might well have been.

Navy officials withheld additional information immediately pending an investigation.

2 Oak Knoll Sailors Held In Car Theft

Bail was set at \$5000 each in Berkeley police court for two Oak Knoll sailors today, charged with grand theft.

The youths, Arthur J. Conley and Thomas H. Dohl, both 19-year-old pharmacist mates at the naval hospital, admitted theft of a 1941 coupe, more than \$1000 worth of cameras and photo equipment, and clothing, tools, and accessories valued at another \$1000.

Berkeley Police Inspector C. H. Ipsen said the youths stole the auto from Thomas F. Slattery of Sacramento in January, drove it to Los Angeles where they burglarized the Alexander Hamilton high school of cameras, developing equipment, film and other supplies, and were arrested in Berkeley last week with the auto still in their possession.

John J. Slattery, brother of the auto's owner, reportedly spotted the coupe at Durant and Telegraph avenues last Thursday and called police. Dohe was arrested. He implicated Conley who was apprehended at the naval hospital, police said.

Included in the loot police seized, Ipsen said, were four auto registration slips, a deputy sheriff badge from San Francisco, two souvenir Jap swords, two rifles and a bolo knife. Also included was a vast amount of army and navy clothing.

Hearings will begin Thursday in Judge Oliver Youngs' court.

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Byron Nelson, the Nation's top golfer and favorite in the \$10,000 Richmond Open, took time out of the pre-qualifying round yesterday to

visit the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital and give its GI patients some valuable pointers on how to win tournaments.—Tribune photo.

Visits Sweetheart



FIANCEE—Eileen Laughlin, 19, who came from Colorado Springs to be at the bedside of her childhood sweetheart, Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry, near death at Oak Knoll with a rare disease.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

Ailing Marine Reunited With Childhood Sweetheart Here

Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry, 20, and his childhood sweetheart, an attractive 19-year-old art student were enjoying a brief reunion at Oakland Naval Hospital today, while the young Pacific veteran continued his battle for life against a rare form of tuberculosis.

The girl, Eileen Laughlin, came here Monday from Berry's home town of Colorado Springs, Colo., to encourage him and be at his side this week. Tomorrow she will board a train for Provo, Utah, to begin as a commercial art student at Brigham Young University on Monday.

Until last Friday she was employed as a secretary at the Camp Carson Army Hospital where Berry's father obtained a supply of streptomycin, a new drug which doctors hope may save his life.

Berry's condition was remained unchanged after a week of injections at three hour intervals, doctors reported.

Miss Laughlin has been the only outsider other than his father to see Berry since his condition became critical February 19. During her visits she has helped him eat his meals and together they have discussed home town places and mutual friends.

Miss Laughlin said they have been sweethearts since she was 14. They have corresponded regularly since Berry joined the Marines two years ago and were constant companions during a 60-day sick leave Berry received during the Christmas holidays.

It was after that leave, granted while he was recuperating from pneumonia, that the present malady was discovered.

Miss Laughlin has been housed on the hospital grounds in quarters provided by the Red Cross. She is permitted to see Berry about three times a day and stays "until he gets tired."



Eileen Laughlin (above), 19, and her childhood sweetheart, Pfc. Raymond Berry, have been reunited at Oakland Naval Hospital.

—Tribune photo.

His Girl Visits Stricken Vet

Gravely Ill Marine Fails to Improve

Naval doctors reported today the home town sweetheart of Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry has joined them in their battle to save the life of the veteran of Iwo Jima at Oak Knoll Hospital.

The hospital said that the veteran, stricken with "military" tuberculosis, a virulent type of the disease, spent a good night, but that his condition remained much the same as it has been since his condition was pronounced serious Feb. 19.

Eileen Laughlin, 19, of Colorado Springs is being permitted to visit young Berry. Doctors continue to inject streptomycin, an experimental drug similar to penicillin. The new drug was flown here Friday from Colorado by the veteran's father.

Stricken Marine Slightly Improved

It was the brightest day in more than a month for Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry, "sweating out" a fight with death at Oakland's Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

His doctors noted a "slight" improvement in his condition, the first change since they began injecting him a week ago with the "miracle drug," streptomycin. He is suffering from rare military tuberculosis.

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AILING MARINE'S SWEETHEART

Eileen Laughlin, 19, of Colorado Springs, takes time out for refreshment from vigil near bedside of her childhood sweetheart, Private First Class Raymond J. Berry, whose father, Walter, flew here with rare drug in effort to save his son's life.

—Call-Bulletin Photograph.



PFC. RAYMOND J. BERRY
His General Condition Unchanged

Girl Cheers Up Ailing Marine

Reunion with his childhood sweetheart, who helped procure the rare drug being used in an effort to save his life, today cheered Marine Private First Class Raymond J. Berry, 20, at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

Miss Eileen Laughlin, 19, of Colorado Springs, came here to join Berry's father, Walter Berry, in the vigil at the hospital where the Marine veteran of Iwo Jima is suffering from military tuberculosis.

"IN HIGH SPIRITS"

"He looks amazingly good," the girl said. "He was in high spirits yesterday and was kidding with us about giving endorsements for breakfast food when he gets well."

She said they are not engaged, but are just childhood friends.

Meanwhile, doctors at the hospital reported no visible change in Berry's condition despite injections every three hours of streptomycin, a drug similar to penicillin, which the elder Berry flew from Colorado last Friday. The son's condition is still critical.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

When the father made public his quest for the streptomycin, unobtainable here, Miss Laughlin—a stenographer at the Camp Carson Army medical center in Colorado Springs—Informed him that it was available there.

Lieutenant A. C. Godward, Berry's doctor, said the patient seemed to brighten up with the girl's first visit, and was "rational and alert" although his general condition was unchanged.

SWEETHEART CHEERS MARINE

EILEEN LAUGHLIN
She's at Oak Knoll Hospital Bedside of Iwo Jima

—Post-Enquirer

Marine Pfc. Raymond Berry, 20, Iwo Jima, "spent a good night" and was reported improved today in his fight for life against military tuberculosis at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital—perhaps because his sweetheart was by his side.

Physicians permitted Eileen Laughlin, 19, to visit the desperately ill Marine, she was his childhood sweetheart in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Attendants at the naval hospital in Oakland said Berry, who contracted the dread disease on

and was able to sleep most of the time without an oxygen tent under which he previously had been kept almost constantly.

It was Eileen who secured from an Army hospital at Colorado Springs the quantity of streptomycin, new "wonder drug," which Walter Berry, the youth's father, flew here last week to aid his son.

The young Marine has been receiving injections of the drug every three hours since.

HOPE FOR LIFE OF STRICKEN MARINE RESTS IN DRUG

Hope for the life of Pfc. Raymond J. Berry, 20, rested today in the injections of streptomycin, a little-known drug which the Marines father personally presented to Navy doctors in Oakland yesterday after a round-trip flight to Colorado Springs, Colo.

The boy's father, Walter Berry, 50, was rushed to Oakland Naval Hospital from Mills Field, San Francisco, by police escort yesterday afternoon after a hectic trip which began here last Tuesday.

Private Berry is critically ill of military tuberculosis, a disease which spreads throughout the body, doctors said. The streptomycin, a mold with characteristics similar to penicillin but the value of which doctors admit they are not certain, is the last hope for saving his life.

Berry obtained the medicine at Camp Carson Hospital Center, Colorado Springs. His return trip was delayed by bad weather near Denver and his plane was forced to turn back to Pueblo. With the assistance of the Red Cross, he said, the plane from Denver to San Francisco was held up until his arrival to speed his return here.

Private Berry, a veteran of Iwo Jima, was stricken after a sick leave from the hospital here when he recovered from pneumonia. His condition has been critical since February 19.

Woman Dies From Sleep 'Tab' Overdose

BERKELEY, March 16.—Mrs. Helen A. Kellerman, 56, of 1717 Oxford Street, died at a local hospital last night after taking an overdose of sleeping tablets, police reported. Ill for the past year, Mrs. Kellerman was found unconscious by her husband, Stanley, when he returned home from work yesterday noon.

Mercy Flight Delay

A father's mercy flight to save a rare form of tuberculosis which spreads so rapidly that treatment is extremely difficult. Streptomycin was believed to be the only drug which can save the son's life.

The father obtained the drug by appealing to Army authorities at the Camp Carson medical center in Colorado Springs.

The son, a veteran of two years service in the Marine Corps, was taken ill on Iwo Jima and removed to Hawaii, where he was treated for pneumonia. After a furlough in the United States, he was discovered to be a victim of the rare form of tuberculosis.

However, bad weather forced the plane down at Pueblo, Colo.

Young Berry, according to Navy doctors, is suffering from

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An Air Race Against TB

Father Flies Here With Drug To Save Son

A Colorado father, whose son is believed dying in Oak Knoll Navy Hospital of a rare form of tuberculosis, arrived by air yesterday with a supply of a new drug which may save his son's life.

The son, PFC Raymond J. Berry of the Marine Corps, contracted military tuberculosis of the lungs on Iwo Jima, but was treated for pneumonia until the true nature of his illness was discovered upon his arrival at Oak Knoll.

Captain Arthur H. Dearing, commanding officer of the hospital, said the drug, a penicillin derivative known as streptomycin, had been used experimentally with some success on animals, but that so far benefits had not been shown conclusively on human patients.

The father, Walter Berry of Colorado Springs, arrived by United Air Lines at San Francisco Airport at noon. A waiting limousine and motorcycle escort rushed him to the hospital, where immediate treatment was begun.

He obtained the streptomycin by special dispensation from the Camp Carson Army Hospital at Colorado Springs.

Doctors said military tuberculosis differs from the usual forms of the disease in that it breaks out in hundreds instead of just one or two spots on a given organ. The lungs are flecked with tiny tubercles, which spread rapidly to other vital organs. The disease is usually fatal but not always.

A recent Mayo Clinic report showed streptomycin had produced improvement in the lungs, liver and spleen of military tuberculosis patients; but had no effect on the disease as it spread to the brain, kidneys and bladder.

Young Berry's condition has been considered critical since February 19.

New Drug Rushed To Dying Veteran

Father Flies Wonder Remedy From Colorado to Son

A father's love and determination, the speed of modern transportation and the country's newest and rarest drug converged yesterday at Oakland's Oak Knoll Navy Hospital in an effort to save the life of a marine veteran of the Pacific war.

Navy doctors injected into Pfc. Raymond J. Berry, near death from a rare form of tuberculosis, shots of the so-called "miracle drug," streptomycin, newest version of famed penicillin.

It was the determination of Walter Berry, of Colorado Springs, Colo., father of the dying marine, that made the inoculations possible. Using every possible means of rapid travel, he brought a package of the "wonder" remedy from the Camp Carson Medical Center in Colorado Springs.

FORCED DOWN—

The elder Berry, flying from the center with his precious load, was forced down at Pueblo, Colo., by bad weather. Picked up there by a special United Air Lines plane, he was flown to San Francisco, where he arrived just after noon yesterday.

From there he was sped across the Bay Bridge to the hospital, escorted by San Francisco State highway and Oakland motorcycle police.

At Oak Knoll he handed over his package to Lt. A. C. Godward, USNR, his son's physician, who immediately prepared for the inoculation. Physicians said it would be some time before effects of the drug could be judged.

Young Berry was admitted at Oak Knoll as a patient last October 3, suffering with pneumonia. This later developed into military tuberculosis, a rare form of lung disease, and Berry has been on the "critical" list since February 19.

LITTLE KNOWN—

Dr. Kerr explained too little was known about the drug to predict fully its effectiveness. He said it was a mold type of remedy and its development was an offshoot of the discovery of penicillin. So far it has been so scarce that only the armed forces have had access to it.

He described military tuberculosis as a type that breaks out in tiny spots in hundreds of different places in the organ affected, instead of two or three larger spots. He pointed out the name came from the size of the spots, each one about the size of a millet seed.

Doctor Kerr added that the drug had been used in experiments with animals and had notably slowed up the progress of pneumococcus and other infections, thereby permitting the normal defense mechanism of the body to go to work.

New Drug Tried

Oak Knoll Naval Hospital physicians today could detect no change in the condition of Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry after injections of streptomycin were given last night in an effort to cure his "military" tuberculosis.

The new drug, publicized as a co-worker of penicillin, was flown to the Marine's bedside by his father, Walter M. Berry of Colorado Springs, who got it from an Army hospital there.

Stricken Marine Clings to Life

Marine Pfc. Raymond Berry, stricken with military tuberculosis, clung to a slender thread of life today at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

Hospital attendant said injections of the "miracle drug," streptomycin, every three hours would continue. Berry has been receiving the injections since March 19.

Marine Cheered In Life Fight

Reunion with his childhood sweetheart, who helped procure the rare drug being used in an effort to save his life, today cheered Marine Private First Class Raymond J. Berry, 20, at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

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Meanwhile, doctors at the hospital reported no visible change in Berry's condition despite injections every three hours of streptomycin, a drug similar to penicillin, which the elder Berry flew from Colorado last Friday. The son's condition is still critical.

When the father made public his quest for the streptomycin, unobtainable here, Miss Laughlin—a stenographer at the Camp Carson Army medical center in Colorado Springs—informed him that it was available there.

The girl has been permitted to visit the patient twice since her arrival.

Wonder Drug Helps Marine

"Slight improvement" was noted today in the condition of Marine Private First Class Raymond J. Berry, 20, patient at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, after three days of injection with streptomycin which his father brought from Colorado.

The young veteran of Iwo Jima is suffering from military tuberculosis of the lungs, a grave form of the disease. The streptomycin, a penicillin derivative sometimes referred to as a "wonder drug," was administered as a last resort toward saving his life.

The drug, unobtainable here, was procured from an Army medical center in Colorado Springs and flown here by the victim's father, Walter Berry, in a dramatic dash by plane and car last Friday.

New Drug Used; Marine Gains

A young Marine, who three months ago clung to a slender thread of life at the Oakland Naval Hospital, was reported "greatly improved" today after weeks of treatment with the new miracle drug, streptomycin.

A small package of the drug, made from an earth mold, was flown here on March 15 by Walter Berry of Colorado Springs.

February 1—San Vicente stakes, 3-4 year-olds and up, bred in California, 1 1/2 miles, \$50,000.
January 25—Santa Catalina handicapped, 4-year-olds and up, bred in California, 1 1/2 miles, \$50,000.
January 18—San Felipe stakes, 3-year-olds colts, geldings, 7 furlongs, \$50,000.
January 11—San Facundo handicapped, 3-year-olds and up, 1 1/16 miles, \$50,000.
January 4—Santa Susana stakes, 3-year-olds fillies, 7 furlongs, \$50,000.

New Drug Fails to Help Ailing Marine

The condition of Marine Corps Pfc Raymond J. Berry, critically ill with military tuberculosis at the Oak Knoll Navy Hospital, was reported unchanged yesterday, despite administration of streptomycin shots during the last 24 hours.

Berry's father, Walter Berry, of Colorado Springs, flew here Friday with two cartons of the new drug. It is a derivative of penicillin.

Doctors say military tuberculosis differs from the usual form of the disease in that it breaks out in hundreds of spots instead of just one on the affected organ.

Wonder Drug Aid For Iwo Marine

Marine Private First Class Raymond J. Berry, 20, Pacific veteran of Iwo Jima and other campaigns, is "considerably improved" in his fight against military tuberculosis of the lungs, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital authorities reported today.

The hospital said Berry is still

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receiving injections of the "wonder drug," streptomycin. The rare drug was flown out from Colorado last March in a "mercy flight" by the boy's father, Walter Berry, a Colorado Springs grocer.

—Walk, Drive Safely—



CARD TRICKS "MEDICINE" FOR YET PATIENTS

Three Oak Knoll naval hospital patients get first hand information on card tricks from Jimmy Eyster (center, in dark suit), Hotel Leanington assistant manager, as part of their treatment for stiff finger muscles. The patients find the "medicine" fun.

Magicians Assist Navy Veterans

Card tricks do the trick! Thanks to Jimmy Eyster and Fred Brune, a pair of Oakland magicians, who donated veterans at Oak Knoll naval hospital find out the magic of treatments with pleasure.

Brune, president of the Oakland Magic circle and auditor for Moore Dry Dock company, and Eyster, past president of the circle as well as assistant manager at Hotel Leanington, have been teaching and entertaining Oak Knoll patients for 25 weeks with card tricks and magic.

Every Friday night they journeyed to the hospital with the aid of the Red Cross and present programs under sponsorship of Metropolitan Officers' center and the Metropolitan club.

Then when they complete their act, they go to the bedside of patients and show 'em how it was done.

Now the patients are doing the tricks.

They've given away nearly 500 decks of cards to the enthusiastic navy men, besides prizes and a list of entertaining "quicker, slicker trickery."

Of course, the audience of patients aren't as adept as the two experts, but Eyster and Brune are confident the boys are learning some of the use of their fingers and muscles which will mean as much to them when they leave the hospital.



CRAFTSMAN—Marine Cpl. Clarence E. Weatherford shows Red Cross worker Birnelyn Seymour how to lace one of the hand-tooled handbags he learned to make through a Red Cross arts and skills class at Oakland Naval Hospital.

Sweetheart Joins Marine Feared Dying

Marine Pfc. Raymond J. Berry has been joined by his hometown sweetheart in his battle for life against military tuberculosis, but Navy doctors at Oak Knoll Hospital yesterday said there was no visible change in his condition.

Doctors are permitting Eileen Laughlin, 19, of Colorado Springs, Colo., to visit Berry twice, and told her that while the new drug has caused no change they are hopeful, in that the 20 year old marine's condition is no worse.

The veteran of Iwo Jima was stricken in February. His condition has been critical since February 19.



Fred Brune (right), Moore Dry Dock company auditor and president of Oakland Magic Circle, shows a few tricks to Oak Knoll naval hospital patients, in the physio-therapy program.

Navy's Flying Ambulance



MARS' FIRST MISSION OF MERCY

Four of the eighty-four litter patients who arrived at the Alameda Naval Air Station today on the Hawaii Mars are shown prior to unloading. The flight from Hawaii was the first air evacuation mission for the Navy flying boat. The men are (top to bottom) Julius Devaelsche, Detroit; Harold Dettloff, Dundee, Mich; Theodore Cartwright, San Jose, and Willie Blue, Jersey City, N. J.

—Cal-Ballein Photomath.

100 Wounded and Sick Vets Brought Here By Flying Boat

Backing into a new type dock that permits loading of patients directly from plane to ambulance, the Navy's Hawaii Mars, largest flying boat in existence, brought 100 sick and wounded Navy, Marine and Merchant Marine veterans from Honolulu to Alameda Naval Air Station today.

The flight, which left Hawaii at 3 o'clock last night, marked the first time Mars flying boats have been used in air evacuation. The ship was met by twenty-one ambulances for the eighty-four litter cases and a bus for those who could walk.

Among the patients was Ensign James N. Hallon, 27, of 2050 San Antonio avenue, Alameda, Hallon, a veteran of Iwo Jima who broke a leg in a motorcycle accident in Hawaii, expects to be reunited with his wife, Dora, and their 3½ year old son, Michael.

Patients were taken to Oak Knoll Hospital, where they will be screened and then flown to hospitals best suited to their cases.

A crew of eleven, plus nine medical attendants, manned the plane for the twelve-hour trip which they described as "smooth and uneventful."

Similar evacuation flights to Mars flying boats will be a regular procedure from now on, the Navy said.



MERCY SHIP— Here is the Hawaii Mars as it arrived here yesterday with 100 veteran patients aboard. Lined up on the anchorage barge are ambulances ready to take off the patients after their flight here from Pearl Harbor. The plane is one of the world's largest.

—Photo by Examiner Staff Photographer Jack Rosevitch.



PATIENT— Flight Nurse Lt. Elizabeth Spademan talks to one of her patients, Ray Harold Cornthwait, of Sharpsville, Pa., as the Hawaii Mars landed here yesterday with its cargo of patients from Pearl Harbor.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

'MARS' LANDS WITH 100

PATIENTS



GIANT 'HAWAII MARS' LANDS HERE AFTER GREATEST AIR EVACUATION

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Truman Reviews Fleet

President to See Start of Big War Game

By Robert G. Nixon

HAMPTON ROADS, Va., April 22 (AP).—President Truman came to these historic waters of America's great Atlantic Coast naval base today as commander-in-chief to review the start of the Navy's first large-scale post-war maneuvers.

The Chief Executive left the nation's capital late Sunday afternoon on board the Presidential yacht Williamburg, and made the night run down the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay to this great roadstead where once the Ironclads, Monitor and Merrimack, fought the battle that ended the war.

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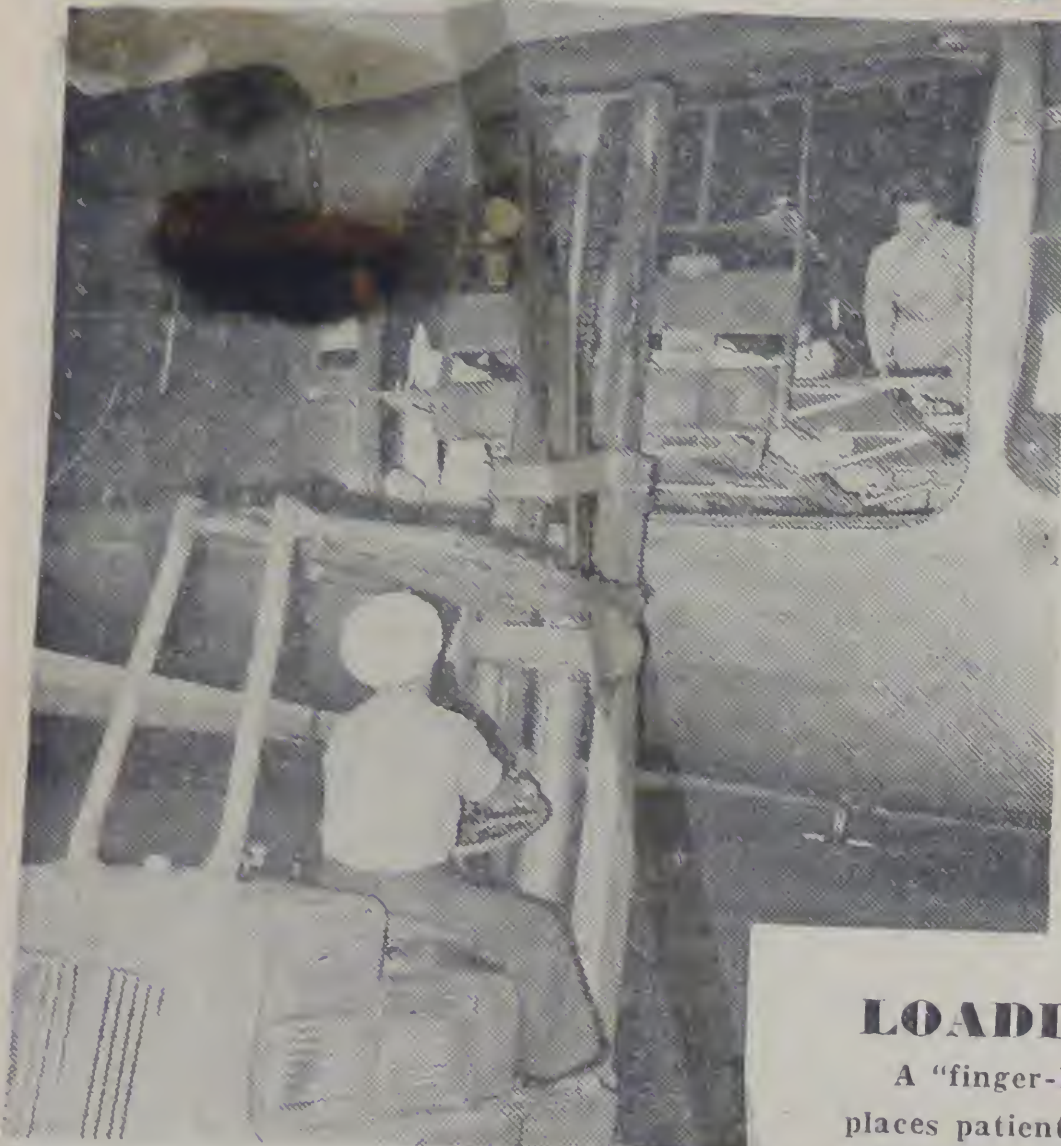
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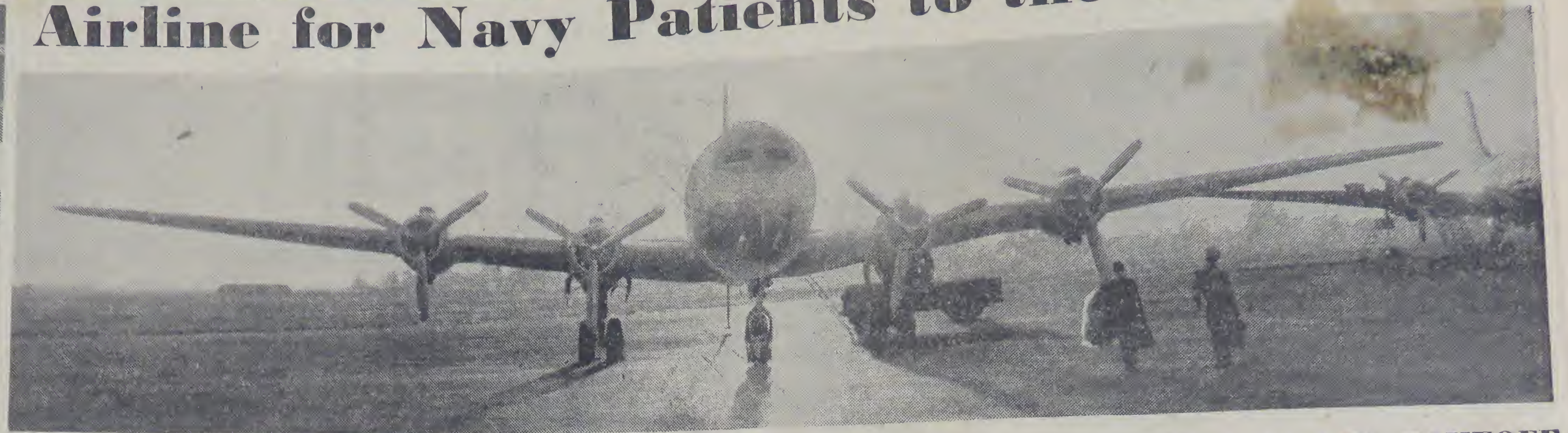
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Airline for Navy Patients to the East Coast



LOADING PATIENTS

A "finger-lift" mechanical loader (left) places patients (still in stretchers) aboard NATS plane at Oakland for flight east.



HOSPITAL PLANE SET FOR OAKLAND TAKEOFF

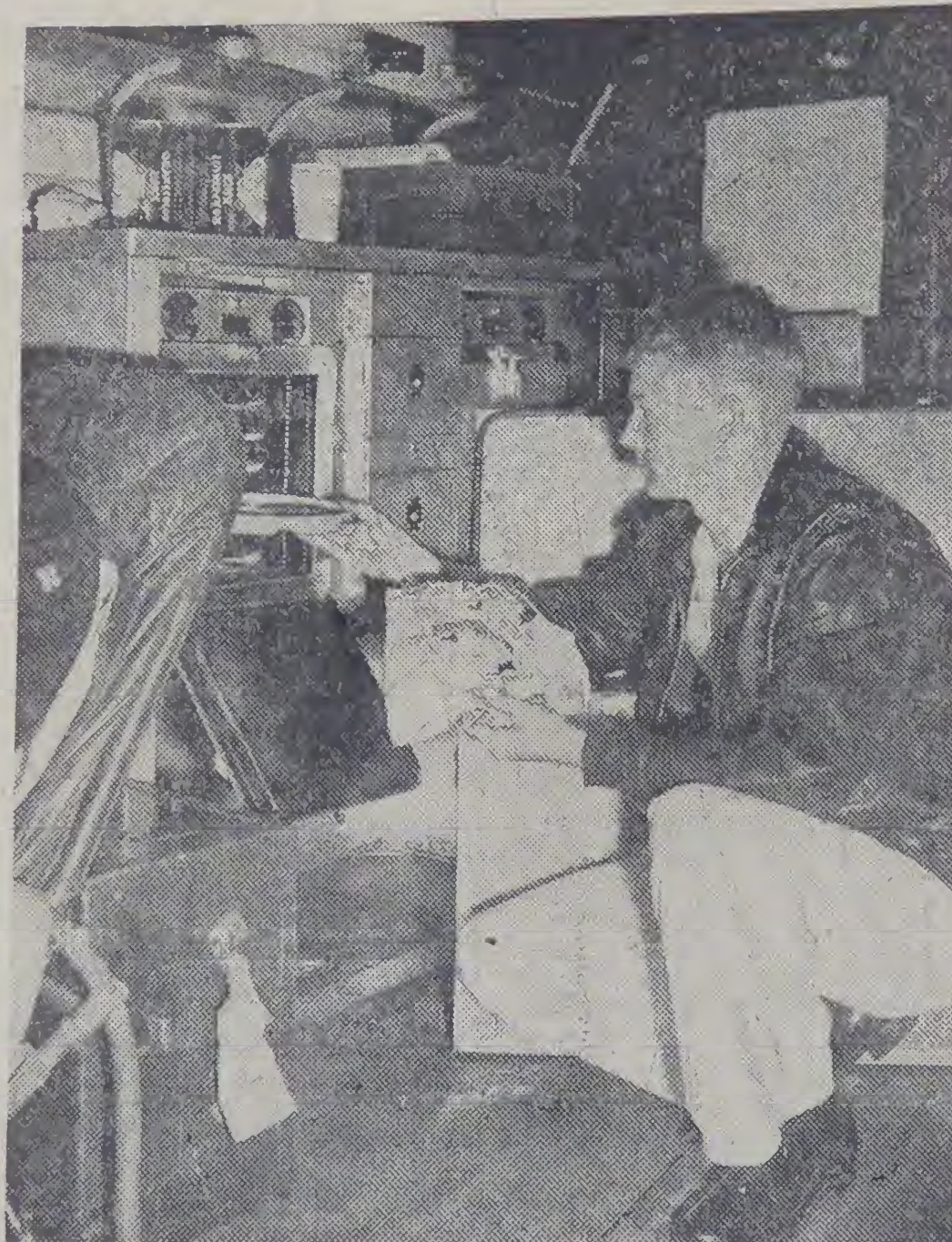
Silhouetted against the sun on the Oakland runway stands the Naval Air Transport Service hospital plane Night Flight.

Flights carrying about 35 to 40 patients each trip are made Monday, Wednesday and Friday across country to Patuxent naval station.



INTERIOR OF PATIENTS' PLANE

Some of 15 litter patients are "racked" at right while "sitting" patients are at left in the interior of the Naval hospital plane just before the Oakland takeoff for the east. The plane takes a southern route, via San Diego, Corpus Christi and Pensacola.



OVEN ABOARD

Meals for patients aboard hospital plane are pre-cooked, frozen and packed in paper. Here Orderly H. G. Wells places food container in oven aboard for re-heating.



IT'S MEALTIME WITH LOVELY SERVICE

Nurse Lieutenant Elizabeth Schwartz feeds one of the litter patients, Jack Lovejoy, some of the re-heated pre-cooked frozen food carried aboard hospital plane on flight eastward. In bunk above, Alfred Williams, a patient with his foot in cast, looks on.

—Photos by Call-Bulletin Staff Photographer Edward Peterson.

MERCY FLIGHT AIDS SAILOR

New Radar Control Brings in
Craft With Stricken Man

A Navy hospital plane yesterday flew through fog that grounded commercial airlines to remove a stricken sailor from Oakland to Corona Naval Hospital near Bakersfield.

The sailor was Leonard A. Van Leuven, who was flown here earlier in the week from Saipan seriously ill of leukemia, a blood disease.

Van Leuven was accompanied on yesterday's flight by his mother, Mrs. Frank Van Leuven of Redlands.

SPECIAL PLANE.

The Navy arranged a special plane for the trip, which was originally scheduled to take off from Oakland Municipal Airport yesterday morning.

Fog kept the mercy plane at its Moffett Field base for several hours.

When the fog failed to lift by midafternoon, the Navy crew took the plane through the mist, using the Navy's GCA radar control system to make a blind landing at the Oakland Naval Air Station.

FOG TAKEOFF.

Van Leuven and his mother, who had waited all morning at the Oakland field, went aboard shortly before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the big Navy plane took off once more into the haze.

Van Leuven had been under treatment at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital after his flight from Saipan. Naval medical experts ordered his removal to the Corona hospital so that specialists there might treat his rare disease.



Derrill Lee Clark, Navy polio victim, who was flown from the Philippines in an iron lung, relaxes with a cigaret after arrival at Oakland Airport yesterday.—Tribune photo.



Still aboard the plane, Clark is shown with Lieut. Ruth Anne Champion (left) and Comdr. Frank G. Johnston, his nurse and

doctor, who accompanied him on the 10,000-mile trans-Pacific flight from the Philippines to Oakland.

Polio Victim Arrives in 'Lung'

Seaman 1c Derrill Lee Clark, 25, rested in an iron lung at Oakland Naval Hospital today, giving thanks to the Naval Air Transport Service for the speed that has given him a fighting chance against poliomyelitis.

Clark arrived at Oakland Municipal Airport in his iron lung aboard a four-engine NATS plane yesterday, appropriately, after a 10,000-mile flight from Manila Island in the Philippines.

A veteran of five years of service, including combat with Air Group 11, Clark was stricken by infantile paralysis a long way from home and the specialized care required for his recovery.

PARALYSIS STRIKES

Paralysis eventually affected his chest, arms and hands and the Navy radioed an urgent request for an iron lung to save his life.

A NATS plane flew the iron lung, a doctor, nurse and two medical corpsmen from Oakland Airport on November 9. It was two weeks after he was placed in the iron lung before Clark was well enough to attempt the return trip which ended successfully here yesterday.

The flight left the Philippines Sunday, got as far as Honolulu before it was grounded for 48 hours because of bad weather, and finally made Oakland after an hour's battle against an electrical storm over the Pacific.

EMERGENCY POWER

Aboard the plane, the respirator was operated with a gasoline-powered generator. In transferring Clark and the iron lung to a truck, the breather was kept in continuous operation by electricity from the Naval Air Station. Once aboard the truck, the generator was started again for the ride to the hospital.

Clark will remain at Oakland Naval Hospital for several days and then will be transferred to another hospital equipped for treatment of all phases of polio. His home is in Seattle.



THANKSGIVING DAY ARRIVAL AT OAKLAND

Having completed a 10,000-mile hop from the Philippine Islands, Derrill Lee Clark, U. S. N., was in good spirits when he arrived at the Oak Knoll Hospital here yesterday. A victim of infantile paralysis, Clark was flown to the San

Francisco Airport by the Naval Air Transport Service in an iron lung. He will spend several days at the hospital here before being taken East. Lt. Ruth Ann Champion, Navy nurse, talks with her patient. —Official U. S. Navy photo.

Sailor Rests Here After 10,000 Miles in Iron Lung

Helplessly paralyzed by poliomyelitis, a young Seattle Navy seaman rested in Oakland's Oak Knoll Naval Hospital today after a dramatic 10,000-mile, storm-tossed airplane flight in an "iron lung" from the Philippines.

Arrival of Derrill Lee Clark, S 1/c, of Seattle at the Oakland airport yesterday marked the victorious end of an 18-day battle to deliver him to the care of specialists in an effort to save his life.

"Sure, I'm thankful this Thanksgiving Day," the young Navy man said from the iron lung which encased all but his head when he arrived in Oakland. "Now I know how the stuffing feels in a turkey. I'm glad that part of it's over. Now maybe I can get a little sleep," he said.

The flight to deliver Clark to the care of medical specialists at Oak Knoll Hospital was won after the Naval Air Transport Service plane had battled an electrical storm for more than an hour midway between Honolulu and San Francisco.

IRON LUNG PLEA

The fight to save Clark's life began Nov. 9, when the Navy ship repair base at Samar, Philippine Islands, radioed:

"Expeditionary delivery of iron lung necessary to save poliomyelitis patient's life."

Clark, a former aviation radio-man of Air Group II which took part in the attacks on Bougainville, had been stricken with the disease early this month.

The NATS transport plane, carrying a doctor, nurse, two medical corpsmen and a technician to operate the mechanical respirator, left Oakland with the iron lung on Nov. 9.

STRUGGLE AT SAMAR

The struggle in Clark's behalf continued in Samar for two weeks until the veteran of five years' naval service, including many battles, had recovered sufficiently to

enable him to make the transoceanic flight.

Clark is paralyzed in the chest arms and hands.

Sunday the flight began. The first lap ended at Kwajalein. The next stop was Honolulu, where the plane was grounded 48 hours because of bad flying weather.

More trouble developed halfway between the islands and the mainland when the pilot had to fight a storm which treated their plane like "a shuttlecock." At times drafts of wind hurled the plane upwards at the rate of 2000 feet a minute, crewmen reported.

ON NAVY TRUCK

But the Navy's life-saving job was not completed with the landing of the plane at Oakland Airport. The 1100-pound respirator containing Clark had to be transferred to a flat-bed Navy truck, which carried them five miles to Oak Knoll Hospital.

There Clark will remain for a few days for that rest he was so glad to get. Then he will be transferred to another hospital equipped with facilities for treatment of all phases of polio.

Navy Nurse Lt. Ruth Ann Champion of Foley, Ala., accompanied the patient on the critical flight to Oakland.

Ireland to Free I. R. A. Chieftain

BELFAST, Ireland, Nov. 29 (U.P.)—David Fleming, 26-year-old former leader in the outlawed Irish Republican Army who has survived two hunger strikes this year, will be released from Belfast Prison today, it was learned.

Minister of Home Affairs Edmund Warneck issued instructions to make Fleming a free man. It was understood, under his prerogative to exercise mercy or health grounds. Fleming has been serving a sentence for treason resulting from his I. R. A. activities.

Mother, Son In Reunion



JOYOUS MOMENT FOR 'IRON LUNG SAILOR'

This joyous reunion occurred at Oak Knoll Hospital when Mrs. Clifford A. Clark of Seattle yesterday greeted her son, Seaman First Class Derrill Lee Clark, 25, a polio victim, who

was flown from Philippines in iron lung. Young sailor, veteran of five years' Naval combat experience, arrived here Thanksgiving Day; his mother was unable to arrive until yesterday.

—Photo by Call-Bulletin Staff Photographer Sid Tate.



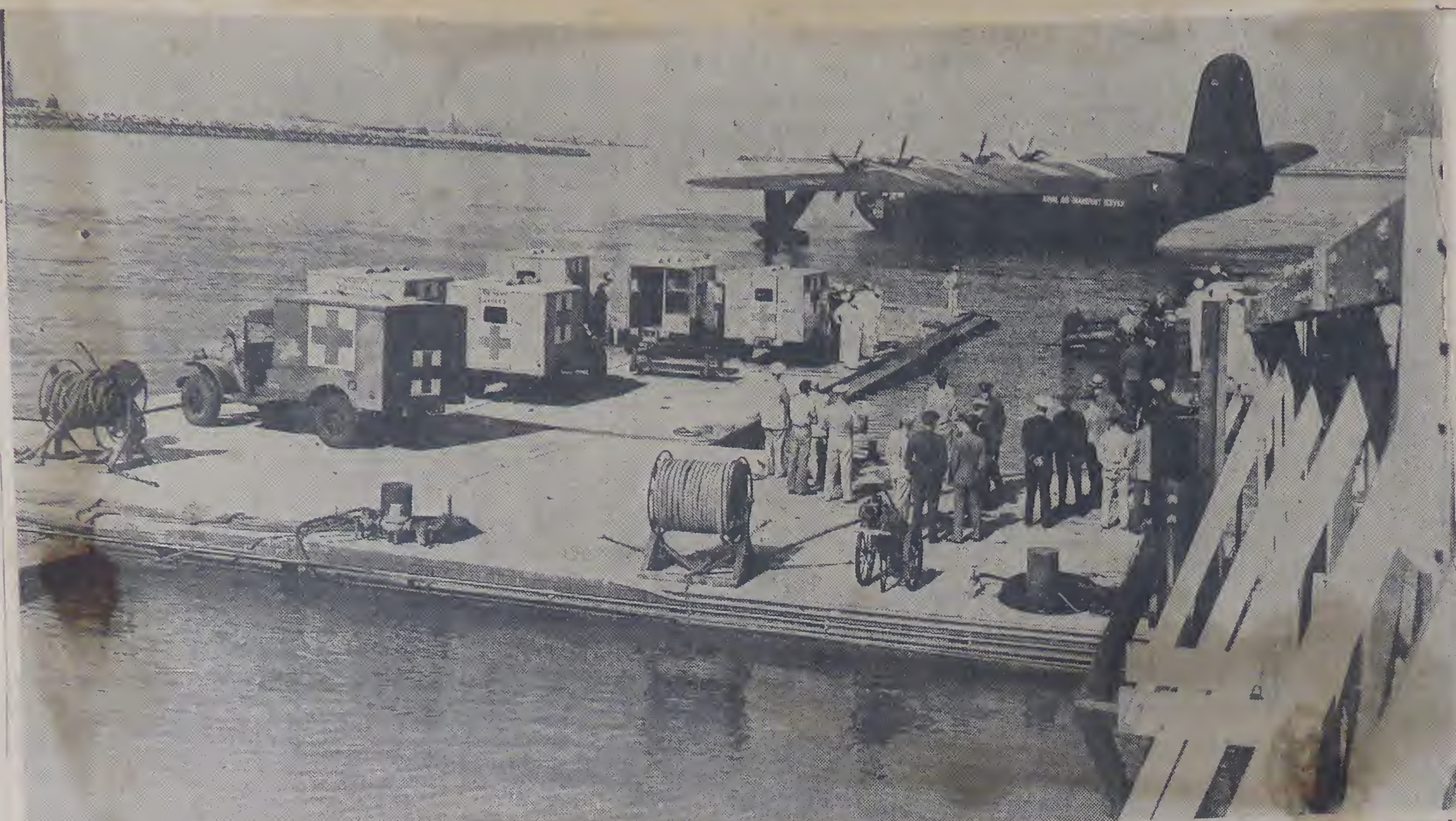
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MERCY FLIGHT—Seaman First Class Derrill Lee Clark, 25, of Seattle, arrives in Oakland aboard a Naval Air Transport Service plane after a flight from Samar in the Philippine islands, where he was stricken with infantile paralysis November 9. Accompanying him on the trip in an "iron lung" were Lieut. Ruth Anne Champion, left, Navy nurse, and Commander Frank G. Johnson of the Navy Medical Corps. Clark was taken to Oak Knoll Hospital. Story on Page 9.
—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

Mars Lands 100 Patients Here For Record



Navy ground crews warp 70-ton flying boat Hawaii Mars into berth at Alameda Naval Air Station following flight today from Hawaii with 100

military patients in largest air evacuation movement ever attempted. Ambulances stood by to transfer wounded.—Tribune photo.

Giant Flying Boat, Hawaii Mars, Sets 2 Marks in Pacific Flight

ALAMEDA, April 22.—The huge flying boat Hawaii Mars, converted into a hospital on wings, landed at 8:30 a.m. today at the Naval Air Station with 100 military patients from Honolulu to complete the greatest single air evacuation movement in history.

In addition to the patients, the 70-ton ship carried a crew of 10, a medical staff of nine and two attendants, making a total of 121 persons.

The patients, carried in bunks piled four deep on both decks of the "two-story" plane, were transferred to a waiting fleet of 21 ambulances and a bus which carried

them to the naval hospital in Oakland.

The vehicles were backed onto the pier where the flying boat docked for what the Naval Air Transport Service described as the first direct transfer of patients from plane to ambulance.

Included among the patients was Ens. James Hellon, of 2080 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda, who said that his trip and the turkey dinner served en route "couldn't have been better."

"I was amazed," Hellon said, "when they carried me aboard the plane on Sunday in Honolulu and

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Big Plane Brings Patients

The giant Navy flying boat "Hawaii Mars" landed today at Alameda Naval Air Station with 100 hospital patients from Honolulu—the largest single air evacuation in history.

Among the men was Ens. James B. Hellon, 27, of Alameda, returned with a broken leg suffered in a motorcycle accident near Honolulu Feb. 3. Hellon went through combat on Iwo Jima uninjured.

SURPRISE ARRIVAL

Hellon had no chance to inform his wife, Dena, and 3½-year-old son, Michael Thomas, of 2080 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda, that he was coming home on the Mars. Informed of her husband's arrival by The Post-Enquirer, Mrs. Hellon exclaimed:

"Oh, that's wonderful! I had expected him to be coming home soon, but had no idea when."

With the other patients, Hellon was taken by ambulance to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Many will be transferred from there to other Navy hospitals following screening.

The four-engined, 72½-ton Mars made the flight from Hawaii in 14 hours 35 minutes, arriving at Alameda at 8:35 a.m.

SMOOTH JOURNEY

Besides the 100 patients, the plane carried nine medical attendants and a crew of 11. The Mars, three of which are now in Navy service from Alameda with a fourth scheduled for early delivery, is built to carry a maximum of 132 fully-equipped troops.

Commanding the Hawaii Mars on its trip today was Lt. Comdr. W. R. McDowell of Los Angeles, who flew the first of the new-type Mars ships from the factory at Patuxent River, Md., to Alameda early in March.



First four patients off "Hawaii Mars" shown in tiered bunks before removal to ambulances waiting on float from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Top to bottom: Seaman 1c Robert E. Creed Jr., Dry Prong, La.; Seaman 1c Elmer

J. Kloth, Medford, Wis.; Seaman 1c Robert D. Novak, Kimball, N. D., and Coxswain Lawrence Crossett, Newberry, Mich. Crossett was the first to leave the plane.

Photos by Post-Enquirer Staff Photographer Howard Robbins.

Navy Night Program For Legion Meeting

With Commodore Stanley J. Michaels as honored guest, Alameda Post No. 9, American Legion, will hold its "Navy Night" program at 8 p. m. in the Veterans' Memorial Building, Walnut Street and Central Avenue, it was announced by Paul Hillyer, commander of the organization.

Officers and enlisted men recuperating at Oak Knoll Hospital will be the guest of the Alameda post at the meeting and a professional show.

Beer and refreshments will be served following the session.

Promotion Recommended

Capt. Arthur H. Dearing, commanding officer of the Oakland Naval Hospital, today was recommended for promotion to the rank of rear admiral, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington reported.

Captain Dearing, whose home is in South Portland, Me., was recommended for promotion by the Navy staff. His recommendation was approved by President Truman today and his promotion will be considered by the Senate when it convenes in January. Five other medical corps officers also were recommended for promotion to admiral rank.

Dearing Gets Admiral Rate

Captain Arthur H. Dearing, medical officer in command of the U. S. Navy Hospital, Oak Knoll, Oakland, has been promoted to Rear Admiral in the Navy Medical Corps, it was announced today.

Admiral Dearing has served at Oak Knoll since January, 1944, following two years of duty in the south Pacific where he served on the staffs of both Admirals Ghormley and Halsey. He received his medical training at Harvard, entered the Navy in 1917 and served aboard a transport in World War I.

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SEATTLE SAILOR IN REUNION WITH 'MA'—This joyous reunion occurred at Oak Knoll hospital, Alameda county, California, when Mrs. Clifford A. Clark, of Seattle, greeted her son, Seaman First Class Derrill Lee Clark, 25, a polio victim, who was flown from the Philippines in one of the navy's aerial iron lungs. Sailor, veteran of five years' naval combat, Clark arrived in San Francisco Thanksgiving day and his mother came from Seattle a week later.

Navy Promotes Two to Admiral

Two naval officers serving in California were among eight medical corps and supply corps officers approved for promotion to the rank of rear admiral by President Truman yesterday in Washington.

They are: Capt. Arthur H. Dearing of South Portland, Me., commander of the Oakland Navy Hospital, and Capt. Hall M. Albright, commander of the Navy Hospital at Corona in southern California. The recommendations, initiated by the staff officers selection board and approved by the President, now go to the Senate for approval.

Oak Knoll Now One-Third Vets

Veterans now make up more than one-third of the total number of patients at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, it was reported today by Clarence E. Willard, Veterans Administration representative at the hospital.

VA regulations permit veterans to receive hospitalization at Army or Navy hospitals as well as at Veterans' hospitals. Of the 1750 beds at Oak Knoll, 750 are allocated to veterans—with more than 500 of the latter now occupied.

This is the largest number of veteran patients in any Naval hospital in the United States, according to Willard. Many of the veteran patients saw service in the Army, and one ward is filled with women veterans.

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EIGHT NEW REAR ADMIRALS NAMED

The Navy recently announced President Truman has approved the recommendation of the staff officers selection board for promotion of six medical corps and two supply corps officers to the rank of rear admiral. The officers recommended for promotion are:

Commodore Morton B. Willcutts of Indianapolis, Ind., assistant chief of bureau of medicine and surgery; Capt. Clarence J. Brown, of Philadelphia, commander of Naval Hospital in St. Albans, N. Y.; Capt. Arthur H. Dearing, of South Portland, Me., commanding the Navy Hospital at Oakland, Calif.; Capt. Hall M. Albright, of Tioga county, Pa., commanding the Naval Hospital at Corona, Calif.; Commodore John C. Adams, of Mobile, Ala., chief of aviation medicine, and Commodore Carlton L. Andrew, of Arlington, Va., chief of the planning division in the bureau of medicine and surgery.

The supply officers are: Commodore John E. Woods, of Norfolk, Va., Naval Aviation Supply Depot in Philadelphia, and Capt. William V. Fox, of New York, 11th Naval District supply officer.

The recommendations go to the Senate for approval.

Navy Hospital Leads In Veterans' Care

The Oakland Naval Hospital, with 500 veteran patients, today led all naval hospitals in the Nation with the number of honorably discharged veterans of all military services receiving medical care.

Of the 1750 beds at the hospital, 750 have been allocated to veterans, according to Clarence E. Willard, Veterans Administration contact representative at Oak Knoll. One ward is devoted to women veterans, some of them with service dating back to the Spanish-American war.

Except for emergency cases, all veteran patients clear through the Fort Miley Hospital, San Francisco. Priority is given to patients with service-connected disabilities.

Problems of health, hospitalization and medical treatment applying to veterans at the hospital are under the direction of Capt. M. Shupp, MC, USN, assistant executive officer for veterans.

MERCY FLIGHT SAVES SAILOR

Navy Plane Makes Pacific Hop
With Iron Lung

(Picture on page 14)

Yesterday was a day of real Thanksgiving for S1/c Derrill Lee Clark, 25, of Seattle. It marked the victorious end of an eighteen-day battle to bring him 10,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean in an iron lung by air.

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AIR STORMS—

Then, halfway between the islands and the mainland, the pilots fought to keep the plane on an even keel for more than an hour. At times, drafts of wind hurled the plane upwards at the rate of 2,000 feet a minute.

The strain the crew had been under showed in their faces when they landed at Oakland airport yesterday at 10 a. m.

But the job was not complete with the landing. The 1,100 pound respirator, containing Clark, and the generator had to be transferred to a flat-bed Navy truck, which carried them five miles to Oak Knoll Hospital.

As for Clark, he said, "I know now how the stuffing feels in a turkey. I'm glad that is over. Now maybe I can get some sleep."

500 Patients At Oak Knoll

Clarence E. Willard, Veterans Administration representative at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, disclosed today that over 500 veterans are now patients at the hospital, the largest number of veteran patients in any naval hospital in the country.

He said 750 of the hospital's 1,750 beds are allocated to veterans, and all treatment is administered by Navy doctors, nurses and corpsmen.

Guest Speaker for Legion Auxiliary

Guest speaker before members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Berkeley Unit No. 7, tomorrow evening will be Marie Adams, Red Cross field director at Oak Knoll Hospital, who will talk on "Veterans of World Wars I and II at Oak Knoll."

Miss Adams will also speak briefly on her experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese.

The meeting is to be held in the Veterans Memorial Building, Berkeley, according to Mrs. Fred Wilson, president.

Admiral Bruns Is Critically Ill

Rear Admiral Henry F. Bruns, 57, director of Navy yards and dock installations of the Pacific area, was reported critically ill yesterday at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Admiral Bruns was admitted to the hospital December 9, and Monday he was placed on the critical list.

From 1942 to 1945 he superintended all Navy shore construction on the West Coast of the United States from the Aleutians to Mexico, and in June of 1946 was named director of the Pacific division of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Meet The Legion

By Post-Enquirer Staff Artist George E. Stratton

(This is one of a series of portraits done especially by Staff Artist Stratton of East Bay Legion leaders who will take active parts in the National Legion convention at San Francisco Sept. 29 to Oct. 4. Watch for these portraits. They will appear daily in The Post-Enquirer.)



Sketched from
life at Oakland, Calif.

HILDUR (TANNY) E. BROWN

COMMANDER OF EAST BAY WOMEN'S POST #379, THE ONLY WOMEN'S POST IN DISTRICT #10... YEOMANETTE FROM JULY 1917-AUG. 1918 AND STATIONED AT SAN FRANCISCO. SHE IS OFFICE CLERK AT HALL-SCOTT MOTOR COMPANY OF BERKELEY... POST #379 IS COMPOSED OF NURSES, WAVES, WACS, SPARS & MARINES. IT SPONSORS A GIRL SCOUT TROOP AND HAS FURNISHED TWO SOLARIUMS AT OAK KNOLL HOSPITAL.



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FIFTH—Mary Louise Manlove, 16, low junior student at Castlemont high school, daughter of Capt. W. R. Manlove, USN, MC, executive officer of the United States naval hospital at Oak Knoll, and Mrs. Manlove, wins a \$25 Victory bond as fifth place winner.

—Post-Enquirer photos.

Women in War Work



COXN. JOHN F. GISSENDARNE, a patient at Oak Knoll Hospital, gets pointers on weaving from Joan Rosenthal, WAVE hospital corpsman, as part of convalescent therapy. Rise in naval casualties means that the Navy needs more young women to train as hospital corpsmen.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.



WAVE HOSPITAL CORPSMEN at Oak Knoll Hospital, left to right, Jean Dennison, Lynne Smith, Yvonne Pettite and Mavis Eberly, find some time for sunbathing, al-

though they and other corpsmen are among busiest of the Navy's WAVES. Recruitment officers at 703 Market Street say the need for medical corpsmen is great.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

WAVES ARE 3 YEARS OLD

86,000 Are Now Serving in the Women's Reserve!



Today is a special day in the history of the Women's Reserve of the United States Navy. They are celebrating their third anniversary with approximately 86,000 women in the service. There were only twenty-five WAVES in the Twelfth Naval District in November, 1942; there are now approximately 1,000 on duty in this area. Above, surrounding the portrait of Lieutenant (j.g.) Alice G. Miles of Portland, Ore.,—typical of the American girls

serving their country—the montage illustrates the variety of duties to which WAVES are assigned. Some repair planes and install delicate instruments, some serve as flight orderlies, some teach gunnery. Others are automotive mechanics, stenographers, bookkeepers and hospital workers. About 80 per cent of the work involved in the administration and supervision of the mail service for the entire fleet and the Navy's extra continental activities is done by WAVES.

WAVES also serve as airfield traffic directors, freight checkers and plane spotters. Scope of service was enlarged during past year to include assignment of WAVES for the first time to naval stations outside the continental United States. At present 350 officers and 3,659 enlisted women are on duty in Hawaii. They are assigned to air stations, hospitals, the Navy yard and a variety of other duties in the Fourteenth Naval District.

Navy Puts Both Feet Down On Kissing, Petting WAVES

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China Peace Predicted by Yen-an Paper

By JOHN RODERICK

Associated Press Staff Writer

YENAN, China, Jan. 2 — The Emancipation Daily, official organ of the Chinese Communist Party, declared today “peace in China is sure to come because of the international and domestic trend and the inclinations of the people.”

Achieving peace will be a struggle, however, it cautioned, “because of obstruction by reactionaries.”

The paper listed five specific tasks for Communist-led areas in 1946:

1—Establishment of closer cooperation with the people of Kuomintang (National) areas, to achieve peace and democracy.

2—A large-scale rent reduction program designed to raise the

Troop Backlog Drops

Bay Area Figure Set at 20,000; The Jam Continues in the North

The backlog of Pacific war veterans awaiting rail transportation East from the Bay Area dropped to about 20,000 yesterday as the railroads continued to supply cars in increased numbers.

The Army alone put 6800 troops aboard trains and planes yesterday. It placed an additional 1300 men aboard costwise ships for Tacoma and Los Angeles.

This cut the Army backlog down to about 18,000 from the Christmas eve peak of 43,800.

The Navy backlog at Treasure Island had melted away to 3000.

On New Year’s day, more than 8700 troops were transported out of the Bay Area—a new record for departures in a single day.

NORTHWEST JAM

W. G. Griffin, local representative

U. S. Senate sub-committee meeting in Honolulu.

Demobilization had given way to surplus material disposal as his primary concern, he told the committee, which includes Senator Knowland (R., Cal.) of Oakland. Knowland was absent from the hearing because of a touch of fever. He was taken to a hospital for a checkup. Associated Press reported.

MARINES IN CHINA

Marine officers told the committee of one still unfinished piece of redeployment—13,000 Leathernecks in China, eligible for discharge, but held until replacements arrive.

The committee is scheduled to continue its global inspection tour tomorrow.

The Navy Department, in a Washington announcement which coincided with Wellings’ testimony, revealed plans for withdrawing

The Box Score Of Bay Area Troop Movements

Eleven ships, carrying 6692 returning servicemen, are scheduled to dock here today, according to Army and Navy transport officials. No piers were announced. For latest available information, call the Navy at UN derhill 8522, or the Army at WE st 6111, Local 3535.

The schedule:

Vessel	From	Due	Pass.
Saratoga (A1a)	Pearl H.	10:30 a. m.	3550
Garrard	Manila	2:30 p. m.	595
Daniel Lamont	Leyte	8:00 a. m.	719
Consolation
Rankin	8:00 a. m.	214
Burns	Pearl H.	9:00 a. m.	213
Haraden	Pearl H.	9:00 a. m.	298
Bell	Pearl H.	9:00 a. m.	154
Wiley	Pearl H.	9:00 a. m.	109
Phillips Victory	Tokyo	9:00 a. m.	23
St. Angelo	Manila	4
Troop movements through San Francisco on New Year’s Day were:			
		Army	Navy
		1783	503
		1555

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WAVES Waver? Frigid Navy Snaps ‘No Comment’

Osculation in Bay Hospital Corridors? ‘One Doesn’t Look’

BY SYDNEY HENDRICKS

Little did Navy Capt. C. F. Behrens know when he posted a routine official bulletin outlawing romancing with WAVES in the corridors of New York’s St. Albans Naval Hospital that his action would have transcontinental repercussions.

“We’re amazed to think anything like this would be in the papers,” a spokesman of the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital at Oakland said this morning. “It’s strictly an internal Navy matter.”

The hospital’s chief medical officer, Captain A. H. Dearing, was bitter as he reported “absolutely no comment” and briskly hung up his telephone.

Captain Behrens had been more communicative.

“The holding of hands, osculation and constant embracing of WAVES, corpsmen or civilians and sailors or any combination of male and female personnel is a violation of naval discipline constituted by the charge: ‘Conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline,’” his St. Albans’ bulletin read.

Higher sources here were inclined to more tolerance.

“The situation doesn’t exist any more in naval hospitals than in colleges or other places where young people get together,” said Rear Adm. R. H. Laning, Navy district medical officer. “I don’t think action is any more necessary for the WAVE than for the coed.”

“I’m sure there’s nothing like that here,” commented a spokesman in the office of Lieut. Comdr. Doris T. Wescott, WAVE commandant here.

Captain C. W. Ross, medical officer in charge of Mare Island Naval Hospital, favored the what-I-don’t-know-won’t-hurt-me theory.

“One doesn’t go around looking for anything like that,” he said. “What goes on when you’re not looking of course you don’t know about, but then it all probably isn’t necessary to know.”

Captain G. G. Herman, Treasure Island’s chief medical officer, lined up in considering the situation “absurd.”

“I have absolutely nothing to say about a ridiculous situation like that,” he stated.

The Army was inclined to dismiss the whole thing lightly.

“The situation has never been brought to attention here as a serious matter,” a Letterman Hospital spokesman said.



CAPT. A. H. DEARING.

Life’s Sad! Navy Bans Lollygag

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Francesca's Blue Book

PENNING A SOUVENIR. The telegram arrived on Sunday and that is why it was delivered to Col. Francis Keesling Jr. at home instead of the office. And the lawyer was out with his youngsters and that's how come Mary (Mrs. Keesling) was handed the envelope. And when she took one look at it her heart hesitated. It was a government wire from the White House!

As you know, the colonel was Major General Lewis Hershey's right hand man in the draft program. And when he was summoned before, a telegram came the same way and Mary knew then war was inevitable. This wire was important but brought GLAD tidings for many. The colonel had used his influence to have passed the Chinese immigration bill and President Truman, after signing, was sending the pen on out here to Lawyer Keesling. We'd like to write that the pen was gold and inlaid with jade. But it is just a very plain black number.

CONVERSATIONAL PIECES. Phyllis Merrill (Mrs. Gregory), who has been visiting relatives and friends here for a few weeks, will be leaving shortly for her home in New York. Wherever she goes, her bracelet, which looks like it might be one of the popular charms, draws attention.

It's no mere ornament. She removes one of the gadgets—a gold tube—manipulates into a long slim cigaret holder. Then, the little oblong bangle turns out to be a tiny lighter that NEVER fails to work. When she returns to New York she'll receive the newest bangle to add. Her husband is having it made for her. It's to use in case the little whistle on the bracelet doesn't fetch a taxi. And what a thrill it has! Anyway, the newest charm will hold five nickels so Phyllis can take the subway.

The Merrills have a stunning penthouse in New York and it's a rendezvous for West Coast and round the world friends. You remember, Greg served in the diplomatic corps in Europe and the Far East after his Oxford training. Then came war and Navy duty. Now business.

Speaking of the Merrill family—Jack and Natalie are opening the family house at Tahoe and John and "Sugie" Menzies will be with them. They will have a series of house parties and included right away are Charlie and Tony Mayer.

ROUND OF PARTIES. The cocktail party Pete (Admiral J. P.) and Thelma Owen gave, which will be the first of



DORIS WESTCOTT
Missed Two Kisses

a sonnet was really a house warming. Their apartment on Pacific didn't seem to need added cheer because, besides the glorious bay view out to beyond the Golden Gate, the decoration by Thelma is sunshine itself. She's done a happy combination of chartreuse daffodil yellow and white. And carries the colors through the apartment. We were wondering if the pictures on the wall were the inspiration or were they painted to go with her draperies and upholstery.

It is always a pleasure to meet Admiral D. B. and Mrs. Beary. They are among top ranking Navy who sell the service to civilians—without realizing it. As this city is one of the most important in the world, the job that can be done in public relations by assigning commands with that in mind probably isn't being overlooked in Washington. Especially when Admiral Beary was appointed commandant of the Twelfth Naval District. He was telling about the day he gave a high government award to Wave Doris Westcott. He asked her if she wished the European ceremony or the American. Doris said she didn't know the difference but of course she wanted the American. When it was all over the admiral shook her hand and told her that the American way was a handshake and the foreign ceremony would have permitted him to give her a kiss on both cheeks. Doris has had fun kidding him because he wouldn't do it all over again.

At the Owen party Colonel Harry L. Owen was hoping his post here as liaison officer between the Marine and Navy will continue until the end of his service here. His home is near Sonoma and never wants to leave his native California again.

Alameda WAVE in New Post

Lt. Comdr. Irene Williamson, U. S. N. R., of Alameda, today holds the post of director of the Women's Reserve, 12th Naval District, succeeding Cmdr. Doris T. Westcott of San Francisco.

The new director of the WAVES received her commission in September, 1942, after obtaining military leave from her position as chairman of



LT. COMDR. IRENE WILLIAMSON

health, physical education and recreation department of Mills College. She has been on duty in the 12th Naval District since September, 1943, serving successively as WAVE procurement officer, women's reserve representative at the naval training and distribution center on Treasure Island and officer-in-charge, WAVES separation center, Balboa Park.

Commander Williamson's home is at 1239 Hawthorne street, Alameda.



Fourth anniversary of the WAVES was observed at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll with a cake cutting ceremony presided over by Comdr. Doris Westcott (right), district director of the Women's Reserve. Assisting with the sword loaned by Capt. H. G. Young, chief of surgery, are Marie McDermott, CPhM (left) and Eleanor Gilboy, CPhM.—Tribune photo.

WAVES Celebrate Fourth Anniversary

The fourth anniversary of the founding of the WAVES will be celebrated during the coming week. Demobilization and release of men to continental duties have cut the peak strength of 100,000 women to 50,000 who have agreed to remain in service until July 1947.

WAVES filled every type of non-combat billet in the United States and Hawaii during war years and legislation is pending in Congress which would make them a permanent part of the regular Navy.

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

'Lipstick Navy' Still on the Job

500 WAVES Left in 12th Naval District Celebrate Fourth Birthday of Service

Some 500 remaining members of the 12th Naval District's petticoat contingent donned their dress blues at four Bay Area stations today to celebrate the fourth, and possibly last, birthday of the WAVES.

Continued existence of the WAVES—officially the Women's Naval Reserve Corps—rests with pending congressional legislation establishing them as permanent part of the Navy.

But at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, Alameda Naval Air Station and Oakland Airport, the "Lipstick Navy" kept on the job.

The women—70 officers and 400 enlisted personnel—are all that are left of the 8500 Navy women who have served in this area since birth of the organization July 30, 1942.

Since then, 90,000 young women across the nation have worn the Navy blue to back up their fighting men. They have served as hospital corpsmen, radio operators, meteorologists, chaplains' assistants, pharmacists and mail room clerks.

Congressmen like Kentucky's Rep. Beverly M. Vincent, who fought the proposal to put women in the service because they "are more experienced at looking in mirrors than anything else" have seen the WAVES prove able mechanics.

They have seen them fill the nation's skyways as they worked as flight orderlies, air transport officers, parachute riggers and tower watchers. They have seen them perform traditionally domestic duties as bakers and waitresses on overseas bases.

TO SERVE OVERSEAS

Getting Congress to let the women serve outside the continent was a prolonged and sometimes bitter fight. In spite of congressional aid from Rep. Clare Boothe Luce and Margaret Chase Smith, masculine die-hards maintained the Navy was "still a male organization."

Lukewarm legislators, willing to be convinced, said the organization's WAVES initials meant "Women Are Very Essential—Sometimes." Actually, the letters have no official designation.

After more than four months of discussion, President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Sept. 14, 1944, signed a bill permitting WAVE service in Hawaii, Alaska, and Western Hemisphere bases. Ten officers and 203 enlisted WAVES, vanguard of 5000 women, sailed from San Francisco early the next January to establish the first feminine beachhead in Hawaii.

MEN WENT TO SEA

Six months later it was apparent that women in service had earned the responsibility placed on their slim shoulders. In July, 1944, the President credited WAVES in 500 shore establishments with replacing enough men from non-combatant duty to man all the landing craft in the Normandy and Salpan invasions.

Not all male interference in WAVE matters was confined to war issues. Some Navy directives, like the June,

1942 order regarding little articles of dress, were on a more personal level. Following three months' consultation, the Navy decreed that, while the Army might see fit to distribute to its WACS G. I. panties, girdles, and bras, the Navy would have no truck with such details.

"The Navy will insist on regulations only for that part of the uniform that is visible," it said. "The effect of the dress is not to make women stand out. It is just a functional uniform."

Another year-long battle won the WAVES the right to make their own choice in another field—that of

STILL SERVING.—The WAVES, the warborn women's auxiliary to the United States Navy, celebrated their fourth birthday today. Thousands are still serving in naval establishments all over the nation. Left, Florence Wright, pharmacist's mate first class, gives a physical therapy treatment to H. A. Aylesworth, Army veteran, at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Above, Jaroslava Dvorak, pharmacist's mate first class, instructs William Clark, seaman, in the use of the loom in the occupational therapy room at Oak Knoll.

choosing their husbands. While the

Navy permitted married women to join its ranks when it opened WAVE enlistments, it would accept no Navy wives and discharged personnel who later married Navy men. After a series of concessions, in March, 1943, WAVES were permitted to marry men in any branch of service after completing indoctrination and train-

ing courses. As the Navy modified its regulations to attract more women to its ranks, the WAVES grew to 37,500, some 16,000 more than the peacetime Coast Guard, in 1943. WAVE enrollment reached peak enrollment of 70,000 in June, 1944. It has at present 1000 officers and 5000 enlisted personnel on active service.



Ex-Wave Makes 'Comeback'

The transition from pharmacist's mate in the Navy to a business career in civilian life is being made easy for former WAVE Lucille R. Lewis, disabled woman veteran, through the Veterans' Administration rehabilitation program.

She is at present enrolled in the Willis Business College in Oakland, studying bookkeeping, typing, shorthand and relative subjects.

On completion of her training, which will extend 10 months, she is looking forward to a position with an exporting firm in San Francisco.

This ambitious girl enlisted in the WAVES in July, 1943, and took her "boot" training at Hunter College, New York. On completion of the course she served in the Navy Hospital at Camp Shoemaker and at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. She received a medical discharge from Oak Knoll May 15, 1945, and returned to her home in Los Angeles.

Her first attempt to make a "comeback" in a war plant failed, because her disability made the work impossible. Because she had enjoyed living in the Bay Area, she returned to San Francisco and got in touch with the Veterans' Administration concerning on-the-job training. Through VA arrangements she began work as an apprentice bookkeeper. Again she found her work too taxing.

She then transferred from on-the-job training to the vocational program and began her business college schooling last March. When she has been thoroughly trained, she anticipates no difficulty in handling a job.

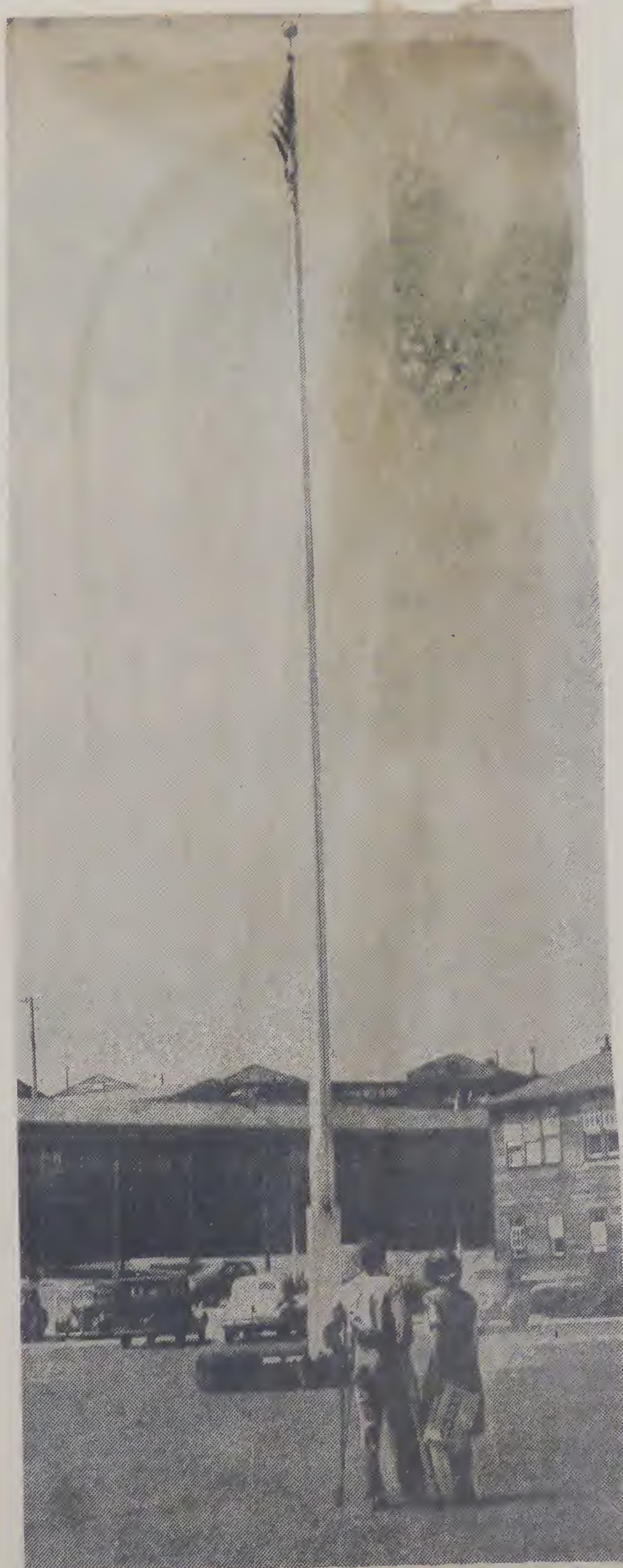
All disabled veterans taking advantage of Public Law 16 must be counseled as to their future occupations and must receive their training at an approved school or in an approved job.



Sweethearts for a long time, June Silkwood, 17, and Cpl. James V. de Bretagne of Port Arthur, Tex., had made a pact to be married "when the war is over." Report of the surrender was enough for them and with the help of the corporal's mother, Mrs. H. S. de Bretagne, plans were immediately made for the ceremony Sunday. Red Cross workers in the Marine's hospital ward presented them with a cake and wedding presents.



The words—"Japan quits"—flashed from ward to ward, and men who had felt the sting of Nipponese fire were quick to cheer an expected end to their enemy. SSM2c E. E. Riddle, wounded on Luzon, got the news from PhM 3c R. A. Paterson during a heat treatment.



Symbol of all that men have fought for, the flag flies from its pole at the Oakland hospital, inspiration to the Marine and his girl, who heard the report of Japan's offer to quit, then looked to the Stars and Stripes above.



News of Japan's surrender offer came quietly to men of the Oakland Naval Hospital, men who have paid for war. It was a rumor at first, then as headlines blared the report, there was a rush for "extras." They were passed hand to hand in this chow line.



One thought hit all the patients at the Oakland Naval Hospital at just about the same time—"gotta call home." There was a rush for the telephone booths and one of the first "winners" was Herbert Lane, wounded at Guam. He called his mother in Helena, Ark.—Tribune photos.



Now that the war is ended, you may wonder why our Government is asking the men and women of Cutter Laboratories to lend \$47,000 during the Victory Loan drive. There are eight good reasons in the eight hospitals in this area which are represented by teams here at the Lab during the campaign. We thought you might like to see just why it takes money to operate these hospitals and why they are necessary after our enemies have been defeated.

- 1—Cadet Nurse Jacqueline Van Dusen adjusts cast for Sailor James Wurster. Photograph by courtesy Oak Knoll U. S. Naval Hospital.
- 2—WAVES help wounded men learn techniques of weaving in occupational therapy—an important part of the Oak Knoll U. S. Naval Hospital's rehabilitation program. Official U. S. Navy photograph.
- 3—Litter patient being placed on Guernsey wheeled litter carrier and taken from ambulance to Letterman General Hospital. Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph.
- 4—Pfc. Walter G. McMullin, left, and Cpl. Roger H. Rooney appear before the mike in one of a series of plays presented at Dibble General Hospital by the

- Dibble Radio Guild, patients' dramatic group. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.
- 5—Patients at Dibble General Hospital even get "cheesecake". Here they get a close-up view of WAC beauty contest winner, center, and her two nearest runners-up. U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph.
 - 6—This scene shows a patient being placed on a special coach enroute to a hospital nearer his home. Photograph by courtesy Letterman General Hospital Photographic Laboratory.
 - 7—These are incoming litter patients, who are brought directly by ship or plane and are assigned to wards after being taken through this department. Photograph by courtesy Letterman General Hospital Photographic Laboratory.
 - 8—Outdoor citation ceremonies at Oak Knoll U. S. Naval Hospital in which Naval and Marine personnel are receiving meritorious awards. Official U. S. Navy photograph.
 - 9—Front entrance of Letterman General Hospital. Time prevented our getting photographs of all eight hospitals represented by the Cutter teams. Photograph by courtesy Army Service Forces, Ninth Service Command.

- 10—Very few ward pictures are released by the U. S. Military Intelligence Department for publication, but here is an exception. Photograph by courtesy Letterman General Hospital Photographic Laboratory.
- 11—First Sgt. Joe P. Obera, left, receiving the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart from Colonel Paul H. Streit, MC, Commanding Officer of Dibble General Hospital. Center is S/Sgt. Bill Westcoat, non-com in charge of blind orientation at the hospital. Obera, who was blinded near Munich, Germany, April 11th of this year, when hit by mortar shrapnel, was a shop superintendent for the State of Illinois before entering the service. U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph.
- 12—Edward Arnold, star of screen and radio, endeavors to cheer up patients at Dibble General Hospital. The war-wounded in our hospitals are high on the list of favorite audiences of America's outstanding artists. U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph.
- 13—Joe E. Brown, film and mike comedian, is giving a special performance for Pfc. Arthur Vernon Pelissier at Oak Knoll U. S. Naval Hospital. Joe spends

- much of his time in the blind wards. Photograph by courtesy Western Procurement Division, United States Marine Corps.
- 14—When the post swimming pool at Dibble General Hospital was recently opened, a diving exhibition was staged for the patients. U. S. Signal Corps photograph.
 - 15—Treatment pictures are not generally released by the U. S. Military Intelligence Department for publication, but this is the real thing. Photograph by courtesy Letterman General Hospital Photographic Laboratory.
 - 16—E. M. Trull S 1/c USNR, left, and R. A. Croxton SF 2/c USNR are shown at Oak Knoll U. S. Naval Hospital making parachute straps as part of the rehabilitation program. Official U. S. Navy photograph.
 - 17—Last, but far from least, is the processing line for Returned Allied Military Personnel. These liberated prisoners of war wear blue pajamas, while regular patients wear red. This is the only part of the processing where clothing is worn so we decided that this is the view to publish. Photograph by courtesy Letterman General Hospital Photographic Laboratory.

IN MANILA

Major Oscar L. Miner, Palo Alto, Calif., repairing Manila post office building on V-J Day, which the Japs had wrecked with their bombing. "We sure were glad it was over."

OFF JAPAN

Navy Nurse Lieutenant Ollie Bertha Hall, at Oak Knoll, remembers V-J Day: "I was on hospital ship Rescue 500 miles off Japan. Suicide planes came over right after but didn't hit our ship."

ON SAIPAN

T-Sergeant Thomas Caruahan of Marine headquarters here was on Saipan V-J Day. "We were playing poker when news came. We finished the hand and then sat around talking about home until midnight."

ON LUZON

Army Nurse Lieutenant Lydia Boharan, at Letterman, recalls she was on Luzon at a USO show. "We stopped the show. There was a party that night and thanksgiving services next morning in the chapel."

ON OKINAWA

Ernie Melchior, S. F. artist, was with Air Forces on Okinawa a year ago. "General Whitehead gave us the news and then immediately started briefing us for duty as Japan occupation force."

AT PEARL HARBOR

Ex-Wash. Post reporter and civilian employee of Navy here was at Pearl Harbor a year ago. "I remember being awakened and pulled out of my bunk by the girls shouting that the war was over."

V-E Anniversary Feted At Oak Knoll Hospital

It was open house today at the United States Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll in observance of the first anniversary of V-E Day. Civilians were being welcomed to the naval installation to participate in a day-long program which was to be featured at 1:30 p. m. by the presentation of citations for wartime bravery and service to 15 Navy men and Marines who are patients at the hospital or members of the staff. Among those honored were eight Metropolitan Oakland and San Francisco men. Capt. A. H. Dearing, medical officer in command at Oak Knoll, was scheduled to make the awards in ceremonies at Gendreau Circle in front of the Oak Knoll Administration building. The following Bay Area men noon.

Awards to Mark VE Anniversary

The first anniversary of the conditional surrender of Germany and the end of the war in Europe was marked at the Oakland Naval Hospital today with "open house" citation ceremonies.

Fifteen men, eight of whom from this area, were honored during the rites for service overseas. The grounds of the hospital were opened to the public.

Awards were made by Capt. A. H. Dearing, medical officer in command.

Four of the men honored are on the staff of the hospital: Comdr. James Crawford, 400 Perkins Street, Oakland, letter of commendation; Lieut. John Kenneth Berlier, 21 Atalaya Terrace, San Francisco; Silver Star Medal, Comdr. James C. Luce, 1533 Edith Street, Berkeley; Bronze Star and Army Distinguished Unit Badge, Comdr. Howell Wilson, 2215 Carroll Street, Oakland, Bronze Star.

Patients cited are: Ed Lee Murphy, CMM, 1974 Edgewood Place, Oakland, Presidential Unit Citation; Raymond A. Bell, BSM, 1417 Farnam Avenue, San Francisco, Presidential Unit Citation; John T. Landis, CBE, 466 James Street, Oakland; Navy Unit Commendation; William S. Little, RMP, 49 Tolson Road, San Francisco; Navy Unit Commendation.

The day's activities also include a 100% program for the patients and a barbecue for officers.

A Year Ago Today!
Truman Announced: 'WAR OVER'



REMEMBER HOW SAN FRANCISCO CELEBRATED V-J DAY?

Will anyone ever forget crowd that jammed Market street a year ago today after President Truman had officially announced the "war over?" Above is a photo of the corner at Fourth street, but it every other corner of Market street and all other

downtown streets was one mad whirling mass of humanity overcome with joy at the end of the long war. The street cars couldn't move, nor autos or trucks for hours, but who cared? It's V-J Day! It's a lifetime rolled into great glad moments! Recall

how the service men were hugged and kissed by the girls and how the impromptu bands played and there were toast after toast and how nobody got home till the wee small hours of the morning. There was never a celebration like it.

—Associated Press Photo

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Past Commanders Meet



REUNION—Past post commanders of chapter 7, Disabled American Veterans, gathered for a reunion dinner recently at the Virginian restaurant, 60 Grand avenue. Chuckling over the "Oak Leaf" (Oak

Knoll naval hospital publication) are, left to right, Lee Brown, post commander in 1928; E. W. Gran, leader in 1923, and E. W. Lee, commander during 1938.

—Post-Enquirer photos.



AFTER DINNER SMOKE—Bernard Owens (left), post commander in 1937, lights a cigar for James S. Blaine, 1932 leader, after the dinner meeting. Talking with them is Vincent F. Hughes, 1942. *BARBERS*

Successor Seen for Adm. Carleton Wright

Rear Admiral Carleton H. Wright, commandant of the 12th Naval District for the past two years, will probably be succeeded in the post by Rear Admiral Donald B. Beary, 58, about April 1.

This is indicated in the March issue of the authoritative Army and Navy Register but lacks confirmation locally. The 12th Naval District embraces California, almost all of Nevada and Colorado.

Rear Admiral Beary is now on sick leave from a Navy hospital at San Diego and was a recent visitor in San Francisco. He served in the Pacific under Admiral Halsey as logistics chief. He was commandant of the Naval Operating Base in Iceland for a time and holds the Navy Cross.

Rear Admiral Wright is reported destined to become inspector general of the Pacific Fleet with headquarters at Honolulu or Guam.

First Woman Guest on Sub Tells Undersea Experiences

By VIRGINIA COONTZ

ABOARD THE U.S.S. SCAB-BARDFISH, March 9.—As the first woman to watch a submarine strut her battle stuff, I learned today how the ocean sounds closing overhead.

I saw the effervescent lunge of a torpedo, heard the deafening boom of gunfire and watched a gauge tell the story of a man-made fish slipping under the sea.

I also became—along with the honor of being the Navy's first official female submarine passenger—the first to experience a power dive with my head over a convenient bucket, the only person out of 24 passengers and 62 crew to be seasick, the only one who didn't care if the underwater craft ever surfaced, reached port or continued to exist.

FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE

It's a frightening and tremendous thing to skim along in a steel-encased shell somewhere near the bottom of the sea, knowing that the air you breathe is trapped, that the black pressure of death-dealing water is an inch away, that the breakfast you ate definitely will not stay where it belongs.

The Navy furnished this experience today, taking Bay area newspapermen—and one newspaperwoman—on a submarine maneuver about 45 up-and-down miles outside the Golden Gate, northeast of the Farallones.

It was the first such trip for civilians since before the war and the operation included the "works"—power dive, incorrectly called a

"crash dive," firing of the sub's guns, launching of two torpedoes.

Depth charges, which were to have been tossed at the sub, were canceled when the escorting ship, the PC 788, was forced to return to port with a man wounded in a gun accident.

(The seaman was shot in the shoulder during small arms practice and was taken to Treasure Island Hospital, where doctors said the wound was not serious. His name was not released pending notification of his next of kin.)

Cutting like a sheath through water which the veteran crew described as exceptionally calm, the Scabbardfish remained surfaced until it reached the point of its rendezvous with the "target"—the U.S.S. Seagull—at 1300 (1 p.m.).

Scheduled operations, planned to give landlubbers an idea of the Navy service which took such a toll during the war, started with a deep dive, labeled for security reasons at "more than 200 feet."

LACK OF SENSATION

A submarine dips under the water virtually unnoticeably and the very lack of sensation is worse, almost, than the expected things which don't happen. The deck doesn't slant, there is no gurgling water; it is quiet and calm and the mermaids, if they chose, could be heard in any type of a siren call.

The water, the skipper said, is black and even when it reaches

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FIRST WOMAN SUB VISITOR DESCRIBES SUBSEA THRILLS

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periscope depth of 60 feet and becomes a bright blue; interested eyes never see any fish.

From a seasick bunk, the sound of quiet orders gives the first heart-in-the-throat indication that a ship is about to trade space on top of the water for an unnatural berth below.

"Clear the bridge—lookout below!" comes over an announcing system. A horn blows two blasts and a whiff of air sweeps through the ship. Ears stop up almost immediately, the same as if the sub had suddenly taken off upwards like a plane.

In the control room, where more things are happening, the blasts on the horn are followed by the movie-like pictures of men scrambling down the conning tower.

HATCH SLAMMED SHUT

The last man down slams the hatch shut, everyone jumps to stations and to a myriad of handles, wheels and "gadgets." As hull openings are shut, each flashes a green light on a "Christmas Tree"—or indicator board—and the captain says in a matter-of-fact voice:

"Take her down."

During the half hour the Scabbardfish remained "below," it cruised at various levels, then returned to 60 feet to plot "torpedo runs" on the Seagull.

After the courses were plotted—and explained to those who pretended to understand—the sub surfaced, shaking water from its sleek body like a duck.

Gun crews ran to battle stations at deck guns, illustrating fire power that comes in handy against small targets. Vulnerable on the surface, the sub prefers to do most of its battling with torpedoes, using the battery of five-inch, 40-millimeter and 20-millimeter guns against "spitkitts" too small and too shallow in draft to warrant a "fish."

GUNS ROCK CRAFT

Firing of the guns rocked the craft from side to side and the resultant concussion—even with cotton in the ears—was enough to submerge a queasy stomach.

The firing of two torpedoes, costly and deadly objects of war, climaxed the battle maneuvers.

With the Seagull playing the part of an unsuspecting convoy, the Scabbardfish sneaked in close, caught the vessel in radar and other equipment and fired a pair of "fish" that leaped into the water, cut a sparkling blue-green spray, then dove to the planned depth of 30 feet.

Both torpedoes passed directly under the Seagull, according to the ship's prompt signal, although the skipper of the Scabbardfish was inclined to believe that one was a "trifle tipsy."

The sub, one of four launched on the same day in January, 1944, at Portsmouth, N.H., made five patrols in Japanese waters, sinking 8600 tons and damaging 9600, before the end of the war.

At Mare Island for overhaul since last November, it brought its passengers back into the smoother waters of the Bay just before sundown, then left immediately for San Diego where it will be based.

In command of the sub, named for a sleek New Zealand fish, is Comdr. P. G. Molteni, U.S.N., of Johnson City, Tenn. The executive officer is Lieut. Comdr. C. M. Esler, U.S.N., of Denison, Texas.

U. S. Borrows Hospital Space For 40,000 Sick, Wounded Vets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Veterans Administration is borrowing hospital space for approximately 40,000 patients to meet the fast rising demand for medical care of veterans.

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Howley, acting surgeon general of the V.A., announced today that beds for 20,000 disabled veterans have been obtained in civilian hospitals, for 9,375 in Navy institutions and for 10,000 in Army hospitals.

PARTIAL HELP.

This action, Howley told a news conference, breaks the "bottleneck" in veterans' hospitalization temporarily. However, he warned that, generally speaking, it will mean that the hospital situation for civilians will be "critical" for some months ahead.

"Actually," he added, "we found no new hospital facilities but are placing veterans in hospitals that already exist."

The administration is now providing hospital care for 87,967 veterans and the number is growing approximately 2,000 a month.

BEDS PLEDGED.

The beds in 3,400 civilian hospitals have been promised by

September 1 by the American Hospital Association, Howley said. He did not name them but made public a list of many hospitals which will supply 9,375 beds. The Army beds have not yet been definitely allocated but are expected to be available by September 1.

Congress has approved funds for construction of veterans' hospitals with a capacity of 44,000 beds but they are not expected to be completed for two years.

Howley said the Government will pay for the beds in civilian hospitals at the rate "ordinarily charged" by the hospital.

"The Government will not be gouged," he said. "The rate will be the same as the hospital receives from its other patients."

CARE OF WOMEN.

Male veterans will be placed in private hospitals only if they have service connected disabilities. Women will be cared for in private hospitals regardless of the origin of their disabilities.

The Government also will hire private physicians to care for the veterans. They will be paid on a fee basis.

200 More Hospital Beds for Veterans

The Veterans Administration has contracted for the use of 200 more beds at the Oakland Naval Hospital, bringing the total number of hospital beds available for Northern California veterans to 3547, V.A. officials announced today.

Veterans Administration hospitals and their capacities are: San Francisco, 341; Livermore, 458; Palo Alto, 1713. Army contract hospitals: Dibble General, Menlo Park, 35;

Hammer Field, Fresno, 25; Oakland Regional, 50; Fort Ord, 50; Camp White, Oregon, 250. Navy contract hospitals: Mare Island, 25; Oak Knoll, 250; Camp Shoemaker, 300. There are 50 available beds at Merchant Marine Hospital, San Francisco.

Pending March 1, there were only 57 applications for hospitalization. Of these, 56 were at Palo Alto and one at Livermore.

Vet Makes ARC Plea

Urges Oakland To Meet Goal

On the eve of his return to civilian practice, Comdr. R. W. Tandy, USNR, Oak Knoll naval hospital rehabilitation officer and veteran of the South Pacific, today issued a plea to Red Cross subscribers to meet the current \$793,500 goal in Oakland.

"For the sake of ourselves, in memory of those who did not come back, and those thousands who are fighting for their comeback in military hospitals, let's keep Red Cross at their side," said the medical officer.

BLOOD PLASMA

Addressing Red Cross campaign volunteers, he told of beachheads where his medical unit used "gallons of plasma, barrels of plasma and whole blood saving lives of fighters, many of whom today are still in Oakland area military hospitals."

He commented on the "long fight ahead of them, the scars of battle that may never fade," and of the "thousand and one Red Cross services that are making their days and nights in bed a little easier."

CRITICISM

Commander Tandy said he had heard criticism of Red Cross, but asked subscribers to consider what organization could have filled the place of Red Cross during the war, or that could take its place today.

"Be sure there's no one that can take the place of the Gray Ladies in the military hospitals today," he said. "No praise could be too high for those volunteers who do anything and everything for the bedridden."

Willie Osburn, Red Cross fund campaign chairman, reported subscriptions to date passing 21 percent, with several subscriber groups and divisions passing the 100 percent figure.

Funds Pour in For Red Cross

Red Cross campaign auditors were totaling thousands of dollars in new subscriptions today as the first "over-the-top" reports in the Oakland area drive began to filter into Red Cross headquarters here.

Volunteer workers received news of receipts in the \$793,500 campaign at the second progress report luncheon at the City Club Hotel.

"But this is only the beginning," said Willie Osburn, general campaign chairman, "we have a long, hard job to do to complete this goal successfully, and all of us must give, and give generously."

Speaker of today's campaign meeting was Comdr. R. W. Tandy, U.S.N.R., Oak Knoll Naval Hospital rehabilitation officer, who told of Red Cross work in the military hospitals.

SCOUT COLOR GUARD

The Rev. W. Paul Reagor gave the invocation. Lincoln Junior High School Boy Scouts served as a volunteer color guard. Mrs. John M. Hardy directed arrangements.

Campaign divisions honored at the meeting included manufacturing and commercial. Committee chairmen at the speakers' table included Howard Stovel, public relations, and John Hennessy, speakers' bureau.

Tribute was paid to residential subscribers in a Lake district area who already have topped their quota, according to report of the district chairman. Mrs. Harold Havre, Co-chairmen in the district include Mrs. Lulu Webster and Mrs. W. Earl McDonald.

INCREASES REPORTED

In industrial establishments, business and labor groups, new increases in quota percentages subscribed to date were reported. Partial reports were recorded by Capitalwell, Sullivan and Furth workers, and by Key System subscribers.

Automobile workers registering high averages in the current campaign included J. E. French, Cooper Nash, Don Neher. Other workers' groups noted in the reports were George H. Benioff workers, W. T. Grant, Brent Jewelers, Samuels, and California Packing.

Otto H. Heib, assistant campaign chairman, urged new speed in completing subscriptions and reporting totals to the campaign headquarters in the Weaver-Paps building at 26th and Broadway.



A Red Cross campaign fund rally at the Oakland plant of the American Manganese Company was addressed by Miss Betty Heath, former overseas Red Cross worker. She is shown here with Don Church, employee of the concern.

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'RED CROSS: DOCTOR'S BEST AIDE'

The Red Cross is the doctor's best assistant, Lieut. Comdr. Roy Tandy, rehabilitation officer at Oakland Naval Hospital, said today, appealing for support of San Francisco's current Red Cross campaign which is more than half a million dollars short of its \$1,547,000 quota.

The commander said wounded men find mental recreation and occupation in Red Cross arts and skills, and a friendly hand in the service of the Grey Ladies.

Some 4000 volunteer solicitors were retracing their steps today in

SAILOR BACKS RED CROSS DRIVE

A sailor's story of what Red Cross in a hospital, was presentation of a convalescent kit.

While Mr. Miller has been encased in a cast or steel brace, Red Cross Gray Ladies have written his letters, done his errands and helped him in many ways. Red Cross arts and skills program is enabling him to indulge his hobby of model plane building.

"They've been pretty grand to me," he said. "If I can make people realize just what Red Cross means to the boys in the hospital, I am only too glad to help."

First contact with the Red Cross



**ALAMEDA COUNTY
MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION
MEETING
March 18, 1946**

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**U. S. NAVAL
HOSPITAL
OAKLAND
CALIFORNIA**

**Medical Officers
To Address Meet**

Medical officers of the Oakland Naval Hospital will be hosts for a meeting of the Alameda County Medical Society at 8:15 p.m. Monday at the hospital Officers' Club.

Capt. A. H. Dearing, medical officer in command, will introduce the speakers, all of whom are members of the Navy Hospital staff.

The speakers will be Lieut. Comdr. G. L. Crenshaw, Capt. W. K. Livingston, Lieut. L. W. Kinsell and Lieut. F. P. Schilder. Capt. Harvey E. Robins, executive secretary, will be in charge of the program.

**CANTEEN CLOSES, BUT ITS
PERSONNEL STILL TO SERVE**

Although their canteen project is closed until new quarters can be found, neighborhood women who staffed the popular A.W.V.S. East Oakland canteen at 8900 MacArthur Boulevard for nearly three years, are continuing their services to men in the armed forces.

The headquarters was closed recently because the building it occupied is no longer available. Mrs. Spencer Stebenne, chairman, announced. Until a new location can be found the volunteers are baking cookies for distribution to the hospitals, aiding wives and mothers of servicemen visiting here, shopping for bedridden patients and performing a variety of other small services.

Located a few blocks from the bus transfer point for Oak Knoll Hospital patients and personnel, the canteen often served as many as 200 men and women nightly, and was especially popular as a warm shelter on rainy nights, when hundreds crowded into the small lounge to enjoy coffee and a snack or to chat with the friendly hostesses. Since February, 1943, the canteen was operated as a neighborhood project, remaining open every evening and sponsoring special parties on all holidays.

Financial assistance and donations of cakes, cookies and other foods came from residents of the neighborhood. Among the groups which aided the project were Eastlake Kiwanis Club, Elmhurst Lions Club and women members of O.C.D., District 23, headed by Mrs. Phyllis Hoffman, alternate warden.

Mrs. Edward La Perle served as Mrs. Stebenne's assistant.

Family Together

Col. and Mrs. Bedford W. Boyes have returned from a trip to Mexico which they took during the officer's terminal leave. Peter Boyes, who is now a first lieutenant, flew in from Manila in time to complete the family foursome for the first Christmas in five years that they have had together.

Pot-luck Luncheon

Oakland Jefferson P.T.A. will have a pot-luck luncheon tomorrow followed by a business meeting for the discussion of future plans.

Red Cross Fund Donations Pass \$300,000 Mark

The fund-raising campaign of the Oakland Red Cross passed the \$300,000 mark today, but it still was nearly \$500,000 short of the quota set to finance the chapter's welfare, relief and veterans' aid program during the coming year.

The drive will close at the end of this week, and Willie Osburn, general campaign chairman, and Otto H. Heib, assistant chairman, urged subscribers to speed their donations to raise the needed quota of \$793,500.

This leaves the chapter with a shortage of nearly \$500,000, and the drive will close at the end of the week.

The fourth report meeting of the campaign will be held tomorrow at the City Club Hotel, and both Osburn and Heib held out hope that it would bring announcements of new contributions.

Subscribers were urged to mail or deliver contributions to the chapter house, the campaign headquarters or to one of the Red Cross booths operating this week in banks, department stores and other community centers.

"Extra effort is needed to put over this campaign, and we are asking subscribers to make that extra effort in seeing that their campaign gift is turned in as quickly as possible," said Osburn.

Volunteer workers are doubling their efforts this week to call on all subscribers in their areas, Osburn said, "but if anybody is missed, we urge use of the mails or a visit to the nearest Red Cross office or booth."

Company chairmen in business and industrial plants are responding to the request for early and frequent reports, Heib reported. Partial reports have been received from many workers' groups, which gave assurance that subscriptions will be completed at the earliest moment, he said.

Brigadier General E. "Mickey" Moore, Fourth Air Force chief of staff, is to be speaker at tomorrow's City Club Hotel meeting, according to program announced by Mrs. John M. Hardy, chairman.

General Moore commanded the superfortress escorting the Seventh Fighter Command at Iwo Jima. Prior to his assignment as chief of staff he had served six consecutive years with the AAF in the Pacific.

Chaplain W. F. Summers, of Oakland Naval Hospital, is to give the invocation.

Representative of the hundreds of volunteer workers in the current campaign, James Watson and Mrs. Lulu Webster are among those to be honored.

Home subscribers are maintaining their lead in the campaign. Mrs. James Hamilton, veteran Red Cross campaign volunteer, celebrated her 78th birthday with contributions of more than \$500 in her district.

Mrs. Alfred Wuerdeman has worked five districts during the campaign and served as volunteer at a bank Red Cross booth, according to Mrs. Rilea W. Doe, chairman.



Congratulated by Capt. L. E. Mueller, commanding officer of Camp Shoemaker Naval Hospital, on completion of Red Cross Gray Lady training are (left to right) Mrs. Edward Chappell, Oakland; Mrs. Edward Waterbury, Concord, and Mrs. Harry Crawford, San Leandro.



First anniversary of the Japanese surrender served as the appropriate excuse for this reunion of former



THE NAVY'S INSTALLATION ON WHAT USED TO BE THE OAK KNOLL GOLF LINKS IN EAST OAKLAND'S FOOTHILLS



GOLFERS ONCE TROD FAIRWAYS WHERE NOW STAND BUILDINGS OF ONE OF THE MOST ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED HOSPITALS IN THE WORLD—



During March, Miss Marie Adams, Field Director at Oakland Naval Hospital, accepted six dozen canes from the California School for the Deaf for use by the Hospital patients. Ronald Adams, Fresno; Dean Swain, Chowchilla; and Lyell Van Ness, Herman, are showing Miss Adams how they and their fellow class members made the sturdy canes.

Canes For Hospitals

When fifty-four smooth and sturdy maple canes were turned over to Camp and Hospital last week, they meant more to their makers than just a job well done. To fifteen boys at the California School for the Deaf, they represented the philosophy they are striving to make part of their lives.

According to their instructor, Mr. Jesse Hatfield, these handicapped lads are convinced that the habit of helping others is enormously important to them. They, as well as others in the cabinet shop, have taken great delight in working for the Red Cross and point with pride and joy to the record of seven hundred thirty-seven items which have been finished and turned over to that organization.

Two earlier consignments of canes were sent to Oak Knoll, and each

brought a letter from Miss Marie Adams, Field Director. One, the boys printed in The California Monthly, school publication, and the other is treasured in Mr. Hatfield's office. In part, Miss Adams said, "Very few of the canes which are given us are of the fine construction and sturdy frames of the ones you have made, and I assure you our patients make good use of them. It is amazing the way men suffering from leg injuries get about with the aid of these canes."

"I happened to meet a man on the ramp the other day who was using one, and, although he was limited by a leg cast and a walking cast, nevertheless, he started to run a race with me down the ramp, finding the cane as good as a leg!"

The boys who worked on these fifty-four canes are Gene Crites, Ronald Hirano, Julian Singleton, Duarde Teixeira, John Payne, Roger Fry, Nick Gonzales, Thomas Lewis, Joseph Toste, Robert Wright, Ronald Atkins, Dean Swain, John Woods, Lyell Van Ness, and Robert King. They did the work in less than three weeks.

This, and all other vocational work at the school, is done under the direction of Mr. Rudolph Wartenberg, supervising teacher and coordinator of the trades and industrial arts department.

Hospital Ship Open to Public

The Army hospital ship Comfort, one of the best known of the Pacific war, has been selected to honor nurses and medical women in conjunction with the forthcoming Nurses National Memorial Drive, Brig. Gen. N. H. McKay, commanding general of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, announced today.

The Comfort will be open to public inspection at Pier 45 Aug. 24 and during Harbor Day festivities.

CAPTAIN A. H. DEARING, head of Oak Knoll Navy Hospital, which currently has 2700 patients, said the other day he "detected" to think of the entertainment program eventually coming to an end. "The therapeutic value of live entertainment," he added, "is an intangible thing in a way but it has a very definite lasting effect."

Public interest in this work has already started to wane. It should by all means be revived. USO, which shoulders a large part of the program, is committed to continue its operations through 1947 and these, on a scale reduced correspondingly with the reduction in military establishments, will be financed through contributions to a fund drive to be conducted late this year.

It might be remembered that while everybody wants to forget war and the aftermaths of war there are still those who can't.

S. F. May Be Site Of \$13,000,000 Navy Hospital

In another year, San Francisco may be designated as the site of a permanent, 1000-bed, \$13,000,000 naval hospital.

Representative Harry R. Sheppard (D., Yucaipa, Cal.), made that prediction in Washington yesterday after requests for appropriations for four Navy hospitals, including one in San Francisco, had been rejected by the House Appropriations Committee.

Sheppard said the matter is expected to come up again when the 1947 budget requests are submitted.

Brass and Mufti Party

An Army Air Forces party, to be held tomorrow evening at the AWVS Officers' Club in the Fairmont, will be one of the gala events of the recently expanded program of entertainment at this popular rendezvous.

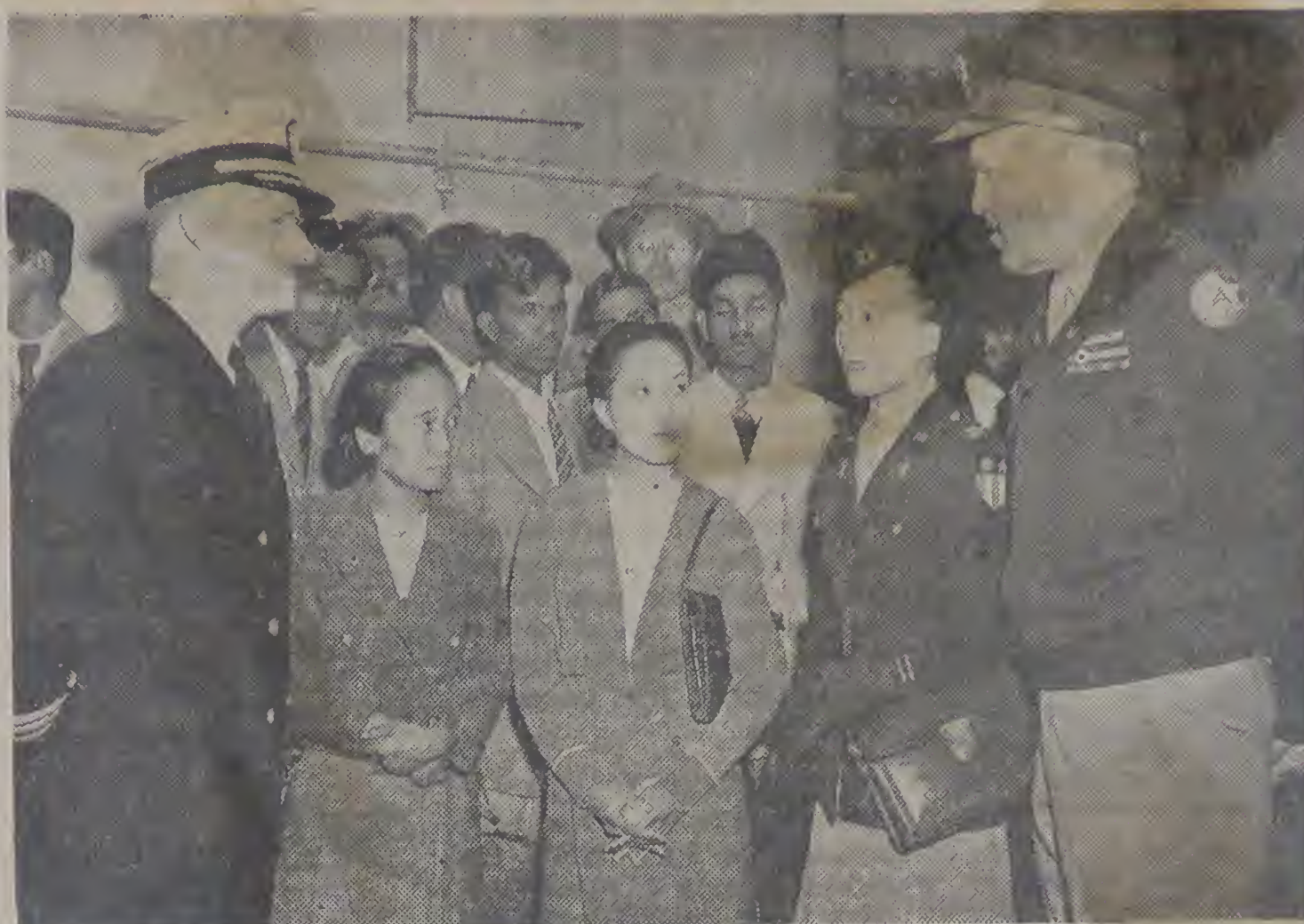
Mrs. Louise Posey Schultes, hostess chairman on Thursday evening, has planned several dance contests with bottles of champagne as prizes. Five disabled men from Oak Knoll Hospital will be guests of honor.

Miss Lois Stolte has arranged a decorative scheme distinctive of the Air Forces.

A large number of the men enjoying the club hospitality are former officers now back in civilian life. According to Mrs. Kay Morrill, club director, there are some 5000 of these reserve officers in San Francisco and more than 30,000 in this area, all eligible to attend the club on showing their discharge buttons and identification as former officers.



Clown Denis Stevens provides the thrill of a lifetime for little Charlene Valinoti as the Ahm... Shrine Circus made a special appearance at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll for its patients and their families. Shown with Charlene is her father, Thomas Valinoti PhM 2c. The circus was transported to the hospital yesterday.—Tribune photo.



HEROINES TO STUDY.—Two Burmese nurses who served with Colonel Gordon Seagrave's famed hospital group throughout the Burma campaign are greeted by Army and Navy officials as they arrived here aboard the Marine Lynx. They are en route to Rochester, Minn., where they will study for a year. Left to right are: Commander James C. Luce, commander of OSS hospital unit in Assam in which both nurses served after flight from Burma; Nurse Ma Koi, Nurse Sein Buint, WAC Capt. Emily Shek of Washington, D. C.; and Brig. Gen. Robert N. Cannon of Sixth Army, representing general Joseph W. Stilwell.

339 Far East Students Arrive

Indians Lead Exchange Group for U. S. Colleges

A group of 339 students from Asia—here to attend American universities—visited the Bay Area today, following arrival yesterday aboard the S. S. Marine Lynx before going to campuses throughout the country.

The students included 312 from India, five from Iran, eight from Iraq and 24 from China. Most plan to do graduate work. Their college admission was arranged by the State Department as part of its program of encouraging student exchange to promote better international understanding. Expenses are being borne by the foreign Governments.

Also on the Marine Lynx were Ma Koi and Sein Buint, Burmese nurses who served with Dr. Gordon Seagrave's hospital unit and received bronze star medals from General Joseph Stilwell when the San Francisco Army commander led U. S.-Chinese forces in Burma. They are en route to a Rochester, N. Y., hospital for a year's nursing training.



NAVY OFFICIAL VISITS BAY

W. John Kenney, right, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, arrives at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, on a tour of inspection of West Coast Naval installations. On hand to greet him is Rear Adm. Donald B. Beary, U. S. N., Commandant, 12th Naval District.

—United States Navy photo.

THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

Baby Crisis Epidemic in Hospital Here on Wane

The epidemic of infantile diarrhea which claimed the lives of six Oakland babies and made 11 others seriously ill appeared to be on the wane today as the 11 were said to be recovering satisfactorily and no new cases were reported.

Dr. Stanford F. Farnsworth, Oakland City Health Officer, today said this was the fourth day since the last new cases were discovered. He added he was "keeping his fingers crossed," but expressed the opinion the crisis in the epidemic appeared to have passed.

The diarrhea, caused by an unknown bacteria or virus, apparently has a course of 72 hours in which time the afflicted baby either dies or recovers.

Providence Hospital, where five of the six babies died, has placed its maternity ward under a 20-day quarantine. Meanwhile, a ward at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital was made available by the hospital director, Capt. Arthur H. Dearing, to care for 100 women who expect babies within the next three weeks.

Baby Epidemic Probe Pressed

Laboratory specialists today continued their battle to isolate the organism responsible for the deaths of six babies in Oakland from an infectious diarrhea.

Dr. Stanford F. Farnsworth, city health officer, said that studies indicate the cause of the disease is some virus, but actual determination must await completion of tests by three laboratories.

With the closing of Providence Hospital's maternity department, where the disease was found in epidemic form, the Oakland Naval Hospital late yesterday turned over to private physicians on an emergency basis the use of a completely equipped maternity department.

2 OAK KNOLL BABIES

Two babies were delivered there last night to mothers who had made arrangements to go to Providence.

Dr. Farnsworth emphasized that the Navy facilities were available only to those expectant mothers who had been scheduled for delivery in Providence and would not be open to others.

The health officer said the medical profession is co-operating fully in the new arrangements and private nurses have been assigned to the hospital to care for the patients. The nurses also will be quartered there.

The Disaster Relief Division of the Oakland Red Cross, at Dr. Farnsworth's request, has sent 20 dozen diapers to the Navy Hospital and is holding in readiness 50 baby blankets if they are needed.

No new cases of the disease have been reported since Monday night, and Dr. Farnsworth said the last baby afflicted apparently passed the crisis last night and is now recovering.

ADDED PRECAUTION

As an added precautionary measure, Dr. Farnsworth has ordered that no children under the age of two years are to be taken to the Alameda County Detention Home by police officers. He emphasized that this is not a quarantine.

The health officer also said that the ban on visitors to maternity wards in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda hospitals, with the exception of fathers of babies there, will be continued indefinitely.

Renovation and fumigation of the Providence Hospital facilities is being carried out on an around-the-clock basis, Dr. Farnsworth said, and it is hoped that the hospital department may be reopened at the end of next week.

Epidemic In Oakland Baby Ward Wanes

Oakland's epidemic of infant diarrhea which caused the death of six babies, the critical illness of 11 others and closed Providence Hospital's maternity ward, appeared on the wane yesterday.

No new cases have been reported since Monday, said Dr. Sanford F. Farnsworth, Oakland Health Director. All except one of the 11 sick babies are reported doing well.

The epidemic came to light last Wednesday when Farnsworth ordered the maternity ward closed for 20 days and all patients in it removed to other hospitals. Three East Bay laboratories are making culture studies in an effort to isolate the organism.

The Navy made available one ward of its Oak Knoll Hospital to care for 100 women who expect babies in the next three weeks.

Captain Arthur H. Dearing, medical officer, said bed space, food and use of the laboratories and delivery rooms would be provided by the Navy, but that Providence Hospital would furnish nurses and assistants.

Meanwhile, Oakland authorities disclosed identity of the sixth baby to succumb to the disease. The child was the five-day-old daughter of Albert and Jacqueline Logan, 148 Isleton avenue, Oakland.

MATERNITY WARD CLOSED AS 6 BABIES DIE IN MYSTERY

Six infants under three weeks of age have died in Oakland during the past 10 days from a baffling form of infantile diarrhea, it was revealed today by Dr. Stanford F. Farnsworth, city health officer.

Providence Hospital's maternity department, where the epidemic developed, has been closed and ordered resterilized and repainted. Dr. Farnsworth said it would be two weeks or more before it would be reopened.

There have been 19 cases of the disease reported, 17 from the hospital and two from outside contacts that the health officer said were undoubtedly related to the main source.

He emphasized there is no cause for alarm among mothers and expectant mothers as it is believed spread of the disease has been halted through prompt closing of the hospital's maternity department.

NAVY OFFERS BEDS

In an effort to help relieve the serious bed shortage caused by closing of Providence, the Oakland Naval Hospital has offered a completely equipped 36-bed ward for the use of maternity cases.

It was announced through the executive officer of the hospital that, with final clearance through 12th Naval District, private physicians will be allowed to deliver their own cases there and that Navy doctors and nurses will assist in caring for other patients.

If this plan is completed, it is expected that eight private nurses will be assigned to the hospital to care for the patients taken there.

RUNS COURSE QUICKLY

The disease, which runs its course in the infants in 72 hours—resulting in death or recovery in that period—first was discovered in the hospital 11 days ago, Dr. Farnsworth said.

Expert diagnosticians and laboratory workers were immediately put on the trail of the germ, but to date no causative organism has been isolated, the health officer stated.

Dr. Farnsworth explained the disease has all of the symptoms of that which claimed the lives of 12 babies of GI men and their British wives last May. However, diligent investigation has revealed that the disease did not stem from any war-bride mother, Dr. Farnsworth said.

HOSPITALS CHECKED

All other hospitals in Oakland have been thoroughly checked and a close watch is being kept for other symptoms of the disease.

The Providence Hospital department is being completely renovated as Dr. Farnsworth said that "experience shows this is the only way to get rid of it." The same department was repainted and re-equipped six months ago, the hospital reported.

Dr. C. V. Mason, Alameda County health officer, said no cases have been reported in his area and the Contra Costa County Health Department said their territory also free of the disease.

BABIES' NAMES WITHHELD

Oakland Health Department authorities declined to reveal names of the babies who have died from the disease as it would be a violation of regulations, but it learned from other sources were:

Linda Marie Hendrix, 3 weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Hendrix, 119C Gibbs Avenue, Alameda, died at Highland Hospital September 3 after becoming ill at home; Roger, 21 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Evans, 4220 Terrace Street, Oakland, September 8; an unnamed five-day-old girl, last name Logan, 148 Isleton Avenue, Oakland, September 18; Cecil Garcia, 10 days, 915A 84th Avenue, September 18; Adrienne Bell, 12 days, 3318½ Magnolia Street, Oakland, September 16; and Glenn Korth, 11 days, 1422 68th Avenue, Oakland, September 16.

All of the babies died at Providence Hospital with the exception of the Hendrix girl.

SEARCH PRESSED FOR GERM THAT KILLED 6 BABIES HERE

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Providence Hospital's maternity department, where the epidemic developed, has been closed and ordered resterilized and repainted. Dr. Farnsworth said it would be two weeks or more before it would be reopened.

There have been 19 cases of the disease reported, 17 from the hospital and two from outside contacts that the health officer said were undoubtedly related to the main source.

He emphasized there is no cause for alarm among mothers and expectant mothers as it is believed spread of the disease has been halted through prompt closing of the hospital's maternity department.

In an effort to help relieve the serious bed shortage caused by closing of Providence, the Oakland Naval Hospital has offered a completely equipped 36-bed ward for the use of maternity cases.

It was announced through the executive officer of the hospital that, with final clearance through 12th Naval District, private physicians will be allowed to deliver their own cases there and that Navy doctors and nurses will assist in caring for other patients.

If this plan is completed, it is expected that eight private nurses will

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Baby Epidemic Probe Pressed

Laboratory specialists today continued their battle to isolate the organism responsible for the deaths of six babies in Oakland from an infectious diarrhea.

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The disease, which runs its course in the infants in 72 hours—resulting in death or recovery in that period—first was discovered in the hospital 11 days ago, Dr. Farnsworth said.

Expert diagnosticians and laboratory workers were immediately put on the trail of the germ, but to date no causative organism has been isolated, the health officer stated.

All other hospitals in Oakland have been thoroughly checked and a close watch is being kept for other symptoms of the disease.

The Providence Hospital department is being completely renovated as Dr. Farnsworth said that "experience shows this is the only way to get rid of it." The same department was repainted and re-equipped six months ago, the hospital reported.

Dr. C. V. Mason, Alameda County health officer, said no cases have been reported in his area and the Contra Costa County Health Department said their territory also is free of the disease.

Oakland Health Department authorities declined to reveal the names of the babies who have died from the disease as it would be in violation of regulations, but it was learned from other sources they were:

Linda Marie, 3 weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Hendrix, 119C Gibbs Avenue, Alameda, died at Highland Hospital September 3 after becoming ill at home; Roger, 21 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Evans, 4220 Terrace Street, Oakland, September 8; the unnamed five-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Logan, 148 Isleton Avenue, September 18; Cecil, 10 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Garcia, 915A 84th Avenue, September 18; Adrienne, 12 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bassett, 3318½ Magnolia Street, September 16; and Glenn, 11 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Korth, 1422 68th Avenue, September 16.

The Hendrix girl was born in Alameda and the Logan baby at home on September 13, six weeks prematurely. It was taken to Providence Hospital after the birth.

All of the babies died at Providence Hospital with the exception of the Hendrix girl.

Navy Hospital Averages 151 Babies a Month

One of the State's fastest-moving production lines is at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

During the past three years an average of 151 babies a month have been arriving at the hospital.

To serve the wives and offspring of the men of the fleet the Navy has made available at Oak Knoll a super maternity unit.

This includes four delivery rooms, five air-conditioned nurseries, including one pre-nursery where 12 oxygen-regulated incubators assist premature babies, and one isolation nursery.

News of the Lodges—

American Legion Auxiliary To Hear Red Cross Speaker

Marie Adams, Red Cross worker who was held a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines for three years, will address the American Legion Auxiliary at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow at Veterans' Memorial Building.

Now serving as Red Cross field director at Oakland Naval Hospital, Miss Adams was liberated when American troops entered the Santo Tomas internment camp. At the time she was taken prisoner, she was assistant field director of the Red Cross hospital service at Fort William McKinley, and during three years of internment she continued to perform Red Cross duties at the camp hospital.

Miss Adams was the first Red Cross hospital worker to go overseas in World War II. She left San Francisco in October, 1941, for her overseas post at Fort McKinley, near Manila. She was there developing a Red Cross welfare and recreation program when the Pearl Harbor attack came on Dec. 7.

Before the fall of Manila, she assisted in the evacuation of Fort McKinley hospital and directed the removal of service families to safer quarters. When the Japanese entered the city in January, 1942,

she was working at Santo Escolastica College which had been converted into a U. S. Naval hospital. Four months later, with the final transfer of military prisoners from Santo Escolastica to other camps or work battalions, Miss Adams moved to Santo Tomas.

MEDICAL RECORDS

Miss Adams worked with the hospitals which were staffed and run by internees. With the help of 12 assistants, she was responsible for keeping medical records and supervising recreation and welfare activities for sick and wounded prisoners. In this capacity she acted as liaison between camp health administration and the Japanese on matters pertaining to the hospital.

Shortly after Santo Tomas was liberated, Miss Adams was relieved of her duties by Red Cross workers coming in with the American troops. She was brought home by plane with 67 Army nurses who had been taken prisoner at Corregidor and with whom she had later been interned.

The ex-internee wears the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in the hands of the enemy in caring for the sick and wounded.

Miss Adams is a graduate of Milwaukee-Dowder College and the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. She served as a hospital worker at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco and as a social worker at Army Station Hospital, Fort Ord, before going overseas in 1941.

NATIVE

Navy Favors Oak Knoll Site

Selection of Oak Knoll as site for a new 1000-bed Naval hospital appeared probable today as Navy officials pushed preliminaries to a \$13,000,000 project, planned for the 1947 fiscal year.

Reports are that sentiment of investigating groups is centering on the present site of the U. S. Naval Hospital for the new, permanent structure. Possible locations throughout the Bay area have been under consideration.

Capt. A. H. Dearing, commanding officer at the hospital here, said no decision has been reached, but indicated prospects for selection of Oak Knoll are strong. He said decision will probably be made within a month, but will be subject to approval by the secretary of the Navy and Congress.

Funds for construction of the hospital were included in budget recommendations of the Naval Appropriations Subcommittee, headed by Harry R. Sheppard, Yucapai, Calif., congressman. A multiple-story building, of steel and concrete, with auxiliary structures, is contemplated.

Oak Knoll to Greet 50 USO Hostesses

Junior hostesses of the Berkeley YMCA Hospitality Center, 50 strong, will take their first trip to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll tonight to help entertain service men there as dancing partners.

The activity will be conducted under the leadership of Miss Mona Hennessy, and in a manner similar to the successful fashion in which they entertained hospitalized servicemen at Mare Island last week.

Also in their plans is a special Halloween costume dance for servicemen and returned veterans at the Hospitality Center, 2001 Allston Way, on Wednesday evening according to Mrs. George DeKay, chairman of the hospitality committee.

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News of the Lodges—

Red Cross Field Worker Is Heard by Legion Auxiliary

More than 100 guests attended the recent membership roundup dinner given by the American Legion Auxiliary, Berkeley Unit No. 7, after which the new initiatory team, consisting of Mrs. Audrey Howard, Mrs. Russell Rillston, Mrs. Robert Cumming, Mrs. Genevieve Warren, Mrs. Helen Martins, Mrs. Joseph Sanchez and Mrs. Verval Rogers, initiated the following new members:

Mesdames Richard Anthony, John Cook, Richard Chamberlain, Fred Swan, Paul Walters, Walter Hill, Harold Tefft, Charles Davis, Amelia Robertson, Willis Baker, Raymond Walker, Katherine Kolas, Susie Rodgers, and Misses Katherine Rankin and Jeanne Cook.

Honored guests were Mrs. Charles Marshall, district president; Mrs. M. B. Parks, first vice-president and membership chairman of the 10th District, and Mrs. Rose Connelly, president of the Albany Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross field director at Oak Knoll Hospital, was guest speaker, and proved to be most interesting and instructive, telling briefly of her 33 months as prisoner of the Japanese. For four of these months Miss Adams was the only woman prisoner at Santa Scholastica prison, and the few Red Cross supplies she was able to take with her to that prison were all they had. During the last three months the caloric value of each prisoner's food was cut from 1700 calories to 680. The average American's daily caloric intake, Miss Adams stated, is around 3800 calories. Only about one-fourth of the prisoners, most Navy personnel, survived. Upon liberation Miss Adams was one of the few who was flown home.

She was on duty at Oak Knoll to get her fellow prisoners when they arrived by boat. Oak Knoll is the receiving hospital for the Naval patients of the Pacific area, especially for psychiatric patients. There are also 750 beds at Oak Knoll for veterans without funds and these beds, Miss Adams stated, are always full, containing on the average about 20 per cent of patients from the Spanish American War and 40 per cent from World War I and about 40 per cent from World War II, most of whom suffer from terminal illnesses.

MAINTAIN MORALE

At Oak Knoll the Red Cross workers cooperate with all departments of the hospital and endeavor to maintain a high morale among the patients and assist in re-educating recovered patients. Most of the patients from prisoner war camps had lost all track of their families—a surprising number, Miss Adams stated—and Red Cross is able in a majority of these cases to locate the missing relatives. Miss Adams told also the Red Cross assistance to charged veterans, especially those with permanent disabilities, in finding employment.

Mrs. Fred Wilson, president of the auxiliary, presided at the meeting.

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Will Fete Blind Vets

Red Cross to Give Anniversary Dinner

The third anniversary dinner and dance of the Blind Unit of Oakland Red Cross will be held at the Blind Recreation Center, 4011 Grove street, Saturday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p. m., according to Mrs. Loretta G. Miller, chairman.

The dinner this year features some 60 blind veterans who have served in this war. Honor guests are Thomas Dargie, regional chairman of the Blind Veterans Group, and Vice Chairman Mario Gaman. Patients of Letterman and Oak Knoll Hospitals, their wives and families will attend.

AT MAIN TABLE

Presiding at the main table will be Mrs. Loretta Miller and State Teacher for the Blind Mrs. Juliette Bindt, recently elected president of the Western Conference of Home Teachers for Adult Blind.

Receiving guests will be Miss Bernice McCrary and Mrs. Irene Franklin, teachers of the blind; Mrs. Claire Lanam, wife of Claire Lanam, vice president of the Berkeley Lion's Club; Mrs. Ant Scherrable, Mrs. Eunice Estabrook, and Ernest Blumenthal, president of the Oakland Recreation Blind Center.

TURKEY DINNER

Turkey dinner will be cooked by partially blind members, Mrs. Essie Kahn and Mrs. L. G. Miller. Those who will serve are Mrs. Raymond Fuller, Mrs. William Fankhauser, Miss Sally Snow, Mrs. Richard Harvey and Mrs. Florence Hendrickson.

The music will be furnished by Frank Owen's Orchestra.

The event is sponsored by the Oakland Lion's Club and the center. Volunteer members of the San Francisco and Oakland Motor Corps will furnish transportation for the veterans.

Attending from the Oakland Red Cross will be Thomas W. Russell, manager; Mrs. Carl V. Whitehouse, Mrs. A. Edward Dart, Mrs. Irene C. Pierce and Field Director Miss Marie Adams from United States Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll.

Unit D-1

Orthopedic Wards Celebrate Fathers' Day

On Friday night, June 14, two orthopedic wards at Oak Knoll Hospital echoed with hilarious laughter as patients vied with each other in a variety of activities which were based on the Fathers' Day theme. Able assistance was given by the Berkeley Community Group on 42A and Recreation Gray Ladies on 44a.

To get everyone in a gay mood for the events to follow, the girls presented the men with bright colored crepe paper ties and handle-bar mustaches, while the Recreation Workers set the scene by clothespinning baby clothes on a line which was strung across the ward.

There followed a series of stunts and games based on the Fathers' Day theme, even including a diaper-pinching contest. Life-sized dolls served as babies, so there was no blood shed by misdirected pins.

Originality characterized every feature of the party which was largely accountable for the patients' unanimous enjoyment.

Following story was sent to the Bulletin by Misses Helen and Blanche Son.

Mrs. E. S. Heller and Jewish Welfare Board Joint Hosts To Letterman Patients

Wednesday, July 10th, will be a long remembered high spot in the lives of 100 disabled patients from Letterman Hospital who were guests of Mrs. E. S. Heller at an all day barbecue at her Atherton estate.

The party was under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board, assisted by the Red Cross Recreation Staff at Letterman and by the Camp and Hospital Hostess Committee.

Nature provided sunshine, flowers and fruit in profusion; Mrs. Heller provided everything gastronomic to satisfy even the most enormous of appetites. Twenty girls serving as hostesses added the element of personal charm and companionship.

A patient completely crippled by polio expressed the desire to ride in the Motor Corps bus with the girls rather than in the Army ambulance. Thereupon a Major medic lifted the boy bodily into the front seat of the bus, propped him up on cushions and parked his collapsible wheelchair in the rear of the bus. The Hostess Committee Chaperone put a pretty girl beside him, and almost immediately they began conversing and singing. This continued during the entire trip, for it developed that each had a pleasant singing voice and a knowledge of music. From choice, they rode home in the same way.

If any owners of summer homes who have the facilities could have seen one legged boys playing croquet, one armed boys playing baseball, convalescent boys using the swimming pool, surely they would be eager to issue invitations similar to that of Mrs. Heller. To hear the boys say, "This is the swellest day we have ever had" should be eloquent enough appreciation of any effort.

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Oak Knoll Vets To See Aquacade

Under the sponsorship of the Water Safety Division of Oakland Red Cross, an hour-long water show will be produced Sunday for the wounded men at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital outdoor swimming pool.

A diving exhibition by Athens Club team members will highlight the program. Those appearing in exhibitions will be Zoe Anne Olson, national junior AAU diving champion; Gloria May Woodin, runner-up, and Al Muha, comedy diver.

Aquators Club members—all of them volunteer Red Cross water safety instructors—will present demonstrations of life-saving and water safety skills, as well as a ten-minute skit by Al Holden and Farrell Swallow as water-clowns in a canoe.

70 Gray Ladies Win Their Caps

Gray Ladies' Caps were bestowed on 70 volunteer members of the Red Cross Hospital and Recreation Corps last night in a brief ceremony held in the Officers Club at the Oakland Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll.

Responding to the call for continued Red Cross aid to servicemen and veterans who are still in the hospital, these women represent Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley chapters. They will serve in the wards and in the hobby shops.

Mrs. Roy McDonald, chairman of the Berkeley Gray Ladies, was mistress of ceremonies and introduced Capt. A. H. Dearing, commanding officer of the hospital, and Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross field director, who welcomed the new members.

Presentation of caps were made by the Gray Ladies' chairmen of each chapter, Mrs. Joseph Willes for Alameda, Mrs. Nelson Chick for Berkeley and Mrs. Dudley Frost for Oakland.

Mrs. James Paulin, Red Cross recreation supervisor, presented the certificates. Mrs. Dean Witter, administrator of Volunteer Special Services for Pacific Area Red Cross, delivered the closing remarks.

Attention! Hobby and Special Activity Groups!

With the arrival of more and more veterans on the compound and many long term patients, the need for individual recreation has become very great at Oak Knoll Hospital. In addition to monetary recreation such as "girl parties," cards, variety shows and movies, constructive activities which continue through many long weary hours of hospitalization are necessary for the welfare of the patient. To help this situation, hobby and interest groups are being organized. In order to determine exactly the interests and desires of the patients, a Planning Committee, composed of patients, has been set up with representatives from the various wards. At the weekly meetings of the Planning Committee the ward recreation workers and the men discuss the needs of the patients and how best they might be met. These patients also meet many of the community volunteers and interpret to them the interests of their buddies who are bed patients.

Many requests for model-building, sports movies, fly-tying, chess, stamps, discussion groups and book reviews, have been made. A project of this magnitude can be met only through Camp and Hospital's contact with individuals and organizations of the community. To create more interest in ship-building, Mr. Nathan Rogers brought a number of ships from his "Fleet in Miniature" for display in the Red Cross Hobby Shop. Open House was held on Thursday, August 8, with the Planning Committee members acting as hosts. Mr. Rogers discussed the construction and history of the ships and exchanged many sea stories with the patients. Two mornings the ships were taken to the wards in order that the bed patients might have an opportunity to see this fine collection. Mr. Rogers will be coming to the compound every Tuesday night to instruct in model ship-building. Airplane model building has been a very successful activity under the capable guidance of Mr. Stanley Rasmussen and Mr. Jack Simpson. Every Thursday night they give instruction to patients who are building both simple and complex airplanes. For the more advanced model builders there are models and motors donated by two of the local hobby shops. Through the Associated Sportsmen's Club very fine programs consisting of sport movies, discussions, gun collection exhibits and fishing equipment have been arranged for the men in the wards. Correlating this sports program, the members of the Club have also agreed to instruct patients in fly-tying due to the countless requests for instruction. The Stamp Club is growing by leaps and bounds, with both the staff personnel and patients showing a lively interest.



Miniature model of "U. S. S. Saratoga" is explained by its builder, Nathan Rogers, right, to Miss Dorothy Munson, Recreation Worker, and Gabriel Hurbace, Cox., Member of Patient-Planning Committee, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

The Berkeley Stamp Club has offered its assistance and will begin its work at the hospital in September.

Patients have also shown a great desire for the immediate organization of chess and bridge groups, both for instruction and casual play. Long-term patients are particularly interested in having vocal and piano instruction. Camp and Hospital has contacted Mills College to help in this project. Through the auspices of the City Library and the University of California it is hoped that discussion groups and book reviews can be started on the wards very soon.

It is felt by everyone concerned that these activities for individual recreation are not only interesting to the patients but are definitely worthwhile in giving them a sense of accomplishment in constructive activity. The patients and the Red Cross Recreation Staff are most grateful to the community for its cooperation and assistance in helping to get this important program started. Any individual or organization interested in participating in these projects are urged to contact their local Camp and Hospital Committee.

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attack. Why they have a world of knowledge at their finger tips!"

These boys are only temporarily down, they're not out. If you have a home, preferably in the country, here is your golden opportunity. If you have an acquisitive mind and good listening ears, there's real pleasure knocking at your door.

URGENT REQUESTS

Sun Room furnishings for Camp Stoneman.

Duck feathers for Fly-tying at Letterman Hospital.

Used Colored plastic toothbrushes for craft work at Ft. Miley Hosp.

Old sheets to make rag rugs in craft shop, Ft. Miley Hospital.

Beside Radios—needed at Stoneman Station Hospital and Oak Knoll.

Classical and popular phonograph records—Needed at Marine Hospital, Rodman Naval Center, Mare Island, Oak Knoll, Ft. Baker, and Funston.

Collapsible Wheel Chairs—Still needed at several Hospitals.

Craft Materials—(leather goods, plexiglas, etc.) Continually needed at Treasure Island Hospital, Stoneman Station Hospital, Oak Knoll, Veterans' Hospital (Palo Alto), Marine Hospital, Rodman Naval Center, Mare Island.

Luggage—Any kind, new or used requested by Veteran's Hospital, Palo Alto.

Off - Station entertainment — Theatre parties for Ice Follies, plays, symphonies, sports, etc. for all Hospitals.

Playing cards—new and used. Dark Room equipment for East Bay Hospitals.

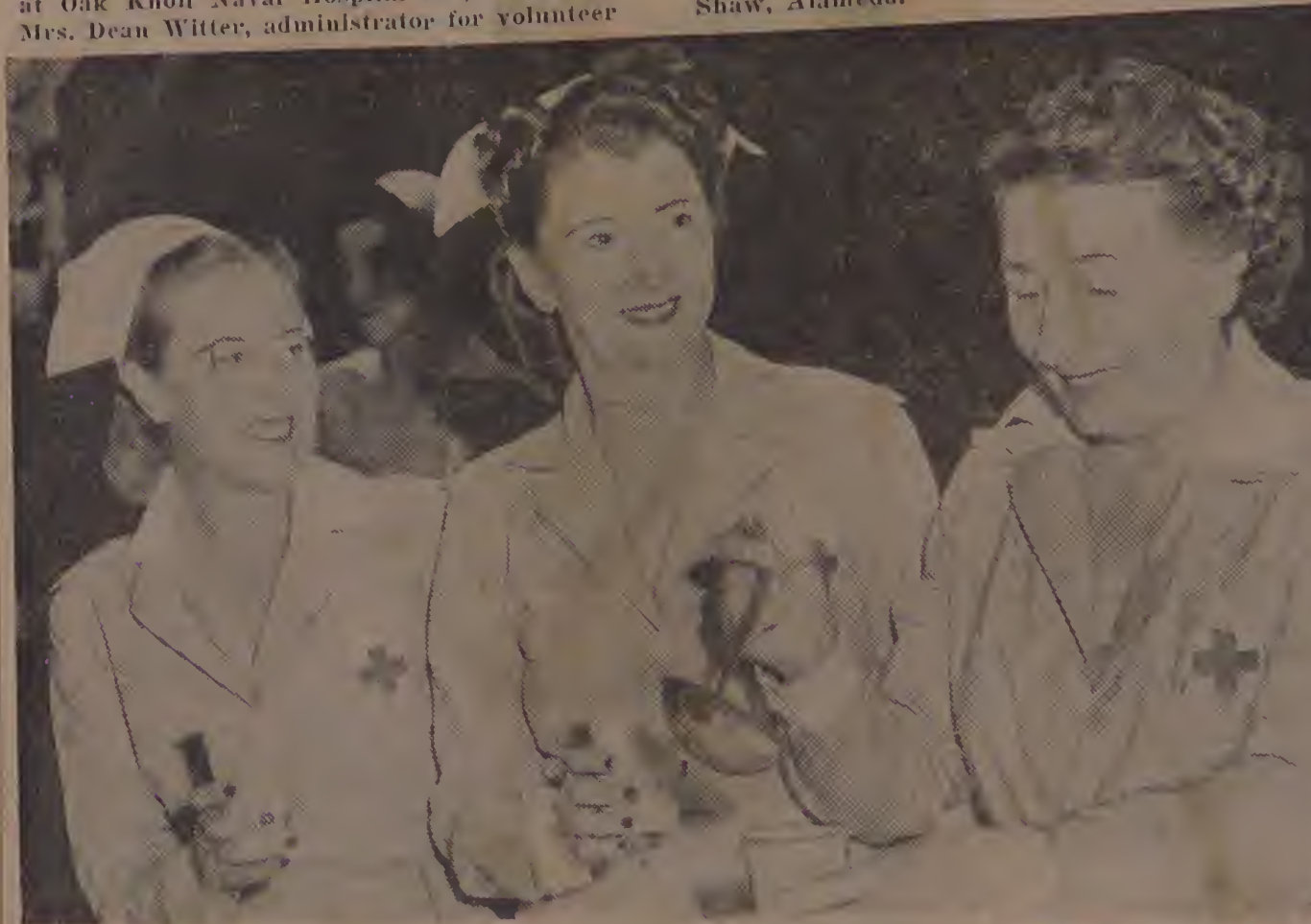
Electric Waffle Irons—6 @ \$12.13 each for hospital ward parties.

70 Gray Ladies Receive Caps



Receiving scrolls certifying them as Gray Ladies from Capt. A. H. Dearing at ceremonies at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital are, from left: Mrs. Dean Witter, administrator for volunteer

special services, American Red Cross Pacific Area, Mrs. Frederick Henderson Jr., Berkeley; Mrs. Herbert Garcia, Oakland, and Miss Jean Shaw, Alameda.



Enjoying refreshments at Gray Ladies ceremony at Oak Knoll Hospital are, from left, Mrs. Mildred Miln, Mrs. Kenneth Allen and Mrs. E. J. Houston, all of Alameda. Seventy women

volunteer members of the Red Cross hospital and recreation corps serving the Bay area received their Gray Ladies caps.

—Post-Enquirer photos.

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'Bundles' for Oak Knoll Keep Navy Stork on Run

The Navy today lifted its wartime freeze ban on an ultra-modern, high grade baby factory operating at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

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For wives and dependents of Navy personnel, the maternity ward at the hospital—with four delivery rooms and five nurseries—has delivered some 6000 bundles from heaven since the war opened.

They run an overall average of 151 babies a month on a high-speed production line.

With the use of the most modern equipment obtainable and a full staff of obstetricians, the hospital delivered six babies in less than four hours Aug. 27 and two days later delivered three within 52 minutes.

That's a lot of diapers! Each morning the Oak Knoll diaper supply service—a boom business in itself—delivers 500 white

squares to the maternity ward.

The hospital has recorded an amazingly low mortality rate. Only one mother in 5746 cases has lost her life in childbirth and infant mortality is practically nil.

Fathers have always survived beautifully. Currently 600 pre-natal patients visit the hospital weekly for check-ups and advice. Also, while private hospitals are not able to extend the time in which a new

mother may stay on at the hospital, Oak Knoll keeps mothers 10 days after birth—at only \$1.75 per day.

That, father, means your baby will cost \$17.50.

Navy Babies Keep Attendants Busy at Oak Knoll



Efficient is the word for the bustling maternity ward at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. In above photo, Mrs. Lillian Terry (right), of 1654 Chestnut street, Berkeley, is handed her brand new baby girl, Kitty, by the nurse, Lt. Erna

Gaspar, who trained for the Navy Nurse Corps in Oakland and San Francisco. Babies born to wives of Navy men are "processed" with the speed and care of a highly developed assembly line.



Jack O'Driscoll (above), attendant at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, lays claim to the title of champion baby bottle filler of California. Here, he is shown filling sterilized bottles with milk preparatory to distributing them in the hospital maternity ward. This happens several times a day.

—Post-Examiner photos.

Overwhelming Response To Initial Blood Appeal

An overwhelming response met the first request for blood to replenish the Oak Knoll Hospital supply, Lieutenant Don Santure said yesterday.

The first week saw 114 donors making application, "64 of them from the Assembly and Repair Department alone."

Lauding the spirit of Station personnel, Lieutenant Santure said, "All quotas for the week were reached on schedule, or surpassed. However, this should not be construed to mean that we have all the blood donors we need. On the contrary. It should be an incentive for all departments to keep abreast of the quota as their turn arrives on the weekly schedule."

He singled out Air Group 19 as "an activity that has shown above-average interest in the blood program and have done more than their share in helping to meet the need at Oak Knoll."

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Rather than cause any inconvenience to the volunteers and still maintain a steady flow of blood donations, a schedule has been arranged setting aside a day for each department. It will be the policy to send naval donors once daily at the rate of ten per day.

The following departments are scheduled to send their quota of blood donors during the ensuing two weeks:

Nov. 25—Marines; Nov. 26—Inspection; Nov. 27—Commissary; Nov. 28—Aviation Training; Dec. 2 — A&R; Dec. 4 — Supply; Dec. 5 — Commander Fleet Air; Dec. 6—VR 2.

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month blood donations are taken at the NAS dispensary from civilian and naval personnel. Civilians should be given preference on the list to prevent

Portraits for Patients

Patients at U. S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll are sitting for their portraits each week, with a group of volunteer art students from the California College of Arts and Crafts doing the drawings. The finished portraits are presented as gifts to the individual veterans.

Students volunteering their talents on Saturdays and Sundays, under the auspices of the Red Cross.

Blood Donors Get Summons

NAS STARTS FULL-SCALE BLOOD DRIVE

Report Oak Knoll Supply To Be 'Dangerously Low'

The Blood Bank at Oak Knoll has requested that NAS and units based aboard help to maintain the Blood Bank at a reserve level, it was reported this week by Commander E. L. Farrington, Executive Officer.

"The bank has been dangerously low for several weeks, and only through a concerted effort by Naval and civilian personnel aboard can NAS help supply the bank," he said.

The Blood Bank is so low at the present time that a disaster in the area would result in impeded medical attention to personnel needing blood; "in fact, the blood bank is issuing more blood than is being obtained at the present time." Since service and ex-service personnel are the greatest beneficiaries of the Blood Bank it is felt that a greater number should participate in the program.

R. O. TO DIRECT DRIVE

"In view of the excellent work done by the Naval and civilian directors of the recent Community Chest campaign, they will be retained as blood donor liaison representatives with the Recreation Officer who will direct the blood donation program," Commander Farrington said.

It is the policy to grant Naval personnel donating blood a 48-hour liberty as an added incentive.

Donations can be made on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at Oak Knoll Hospital by Naval personnel. Transportation is furnished by the Recreation Officer which departs from Building 18 at 0900.

Every second Tuesday blood donations are received by the blood bank team from the USN Hospital, Oakland, composed of specially trained medical officers and nurses for the convenience of Naval and civilian personnel.

Naval and civilian directors are requested to contact Lieutenant Don Santure, Recreation Officer at Ext. 506 or 553 at the earliest possible time due to the dangerous condition of the blood bank.

NEW JET PLANE
(SEA)—A new type of long range reconnaissance plane, designated the XP4M-1, has been developed by the Navy. Powered by both reciprocating and turbo-jet engines, the plane has a speed heretofore reserved for fighter and attack aircraft.

New 'Gray Ladies'

70 Receive Caps At Naval Hospital

Representing the Red Cross chapters of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, 70 women volunteers, members of the Hospital and Recreation Corps, received their caps as "Gray Ladies" in a brief ceremony held at the United States Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll.

Mrs. Roy McDonald, Berkeley Gray Lady chairman, presided as mistress of the occasion, and introduced Capt. A. H. Dearing, com-

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manding officer of the hospital, and Miss Marie Adams, field director, who welcomed the volunteers.

Gray Lady chairman of the chapters made the cap presentations: Mrs. Joseph Willies for Alameda, Mrs. Nelson Chick for Berkeley and Mrs. Dudley Frost for the Oakland group. Mrs. James Paulin, Red Cross supervisor presented the certificates.

Mrs. Dean Witter, administrator of Volunteer Special Services for Pacific Area Red Cross, was a special guest on the program and made the closing address.

Guests were relatives and friends of the Gray Ladies. Attending from Pacific area were P. M. Harwood, Oakland chapter chairman; Mrs. Witter's assistants Mrs. Florence Kirschner and Mrs. Violet Knight; Mrs. Horace Gray, assistant chairman of the hospital and recreation special services; Thomas W. Russ, manager of Oakland Red Cross; Mrs. W. B. Bates, chairman Volunteer Special Services, Oakland Red Cross.

FROM BERKELEY

Berkeley Gray Ladies capped: Mrs. D. C. Atwater (first stripe); Miss Dorothy Eckers, Miss Jane Hanson, Mrs. M. C. Campbell, Mrs. Dorothy Gordon, Mrs. Anna L. Paul, Mrs. S. J. Sharp, Miss Frances Amonette, Mrs. Margit Kennedy, Miss Nellie Larson, Miss Dorothy Milne, Miss Josephine Nagel, Miss Dexter Nichols, Miss Ruth Wingfield, Mrs. Arthur Wingfield, Mrs. Arthur Craig (first stripe); Mrs. Charles Derby (first stripe); Mrs. L. P. Elliott, Mrs. Jane Komor, Mrs. Eleanor Ogg, Mrs. George Kearney, Mrs. Howell Williams (first stripe); Mrs. Wendell Latimer (first stripe); Mrs. B. M. Emeneau, Mrs. Ritchie Smith, Mrs. O. F. Snedigar, Mrs. Frederick Henderson, Mrs. Preston Jones (first stripe); Mrs. Marlon Spilman (first stripe); Mrs. Edwin H. Clark, Miss Gladys Dyson, Mrs. J. D. Farrell, Mrs. Clarita Foss (first stripe); Mrs. A. J. Hand (first stripe); Mrs. M. C. Hix (first stripe); Mrs. Paul Phipps, Mrs. E. Q. Schugren, Mrs. C. C. Stockard (first stripe); Mrs. H. A. Struthers.

FROM OAKLAND

Miss Barbara J. Barney, Mrs. Frederick Burnett, Mrs. Ann Marie Cabral, Mrs. Ralph Carter, Mrs. Raymond Christianson, Mrs. Fred A. Cutter, Miss Lois Dingwell, Mrs. Fred Y. Forster, Mrs. Dudley W. Frost, Oak Knoll chairman; Mrs. Albert Gorie, Mrs. Phillip E. Green, Miss Elora F. Harcus, Mrs. John H. Hennings, Miss Bett J. Johnson, Mrs. Russell D. Kettering, Mrs. R. Martin Lally, Mrs. Cyril F. Marella, Miss Barbara McSorley, Mrs. Marlon Nelson, Miss Loraine Penniman, Mrs. James C. Phillips, Mrs. Roger Provost, Mrs. William H. Quinn, Miss Betty Jane Rank, Mrs. P. E. Raynor, Mrs. Peggy Lou Regan, Mrs. J. M. Thaler, Miss Mercein P. Thomas, Miss Francis Tuttle, Miss Winifred Warnecke, Mrs. James L. Waters, Mrs. Gerald E. Wentworth, Miss Marilyn Wyman, Mrs. Herbert Garcia.

FROM ALAMEDA

Mrs. Gertrude Thomson, Mrs. Adelaide Moore, Miss Jean Shaw, Mrs. Helen Knight, Mrs. Ellen Nilson.

Volunteer 'Earns' Gift For Chest

Colorful tales of the experiences of volunteer workers in their solicitation of funds for the Community Chest continued to pour into headquarters yesterday as the Chest barometer registered \$2,406,278 or 71.8 per cent of the quota.

When one worker rang a doorbell it was answered by a man who was blind. Solicitous, not only for the welfare of the Chest, but also for the man who said he lived alone in the house, the volunteer asked if he had anyone to help him.

The man replied that generally friends helped him out when they could and when they couldn't—well, he just shifted for himself. The volunteer reflected a moment and then said:

"I'd like to be a helpful friend to-day and do your errands for you. Then, at the end of the day, if you wish to repay me, although you'll be under no obligation, you can make a small contribution to the Community Chest campaign."

Enthused, the blind man agreed. And then at the end of the day—when the volunteer's work was done—he gave her his contribution—\$100 for the Community Chest.

Other tales of how generously San Franciscans are answering the appeal are daily reported. Oscar Bloomfield, Spanish-American War veteran confined at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, sent in a check for \$10. He said he regretted he could not send in a bigger amount.

Children of the Precita Valley Community Center emptied their piggy banks and donated \$12 in pennies, nickels and dimes.

By The Way

Home From Hospital . . . Lee Pearce, service officer of Bill Coady post of the American Legion, returned to his home at 17591 Almond road from Oak Knoll Naval hospital Saturday. Pearce had been confined to the hospital for seven weeks for treatment of a heart ailment. His friends will be happy to learn that his condition is much improved.

Teen Fans To Convene

Ninety Bay Area teensters will entertain entertainers tomorrow night at the Richelieu Hotel at the first convention of Bay Area Fan Clubs, Inc.

It all began seven or eight months ago when Mrs. Ena Svedlie decided it would be fun if the 25 fan clubs in this area got together on some of their projects. This convention is the result, and one-third of the proceeds will go to the Sister Kenny Foundation. The fan clubs are also planning to "adopt" two patients from the Presidio and Oak Knoll hospitals and keep them supplied with books, magazines and other things to help them pass the time of day.

Coming up from Hollywood for the convention are Eddie Ryan, Rod Cameron, John Ridgely, Dick Travis and Peter Lind Hayes.

"They won't have to do a thing but enjoy themselves," said Loretta Verbin, president of the Jack Carson fan club, who will act as emcee. "And their dinner won't be interrupted by people asking for autographs," she added.

Sunday will bring more festivities from 2 to 4 at the Rex Restaurant, with informal discussions with the stars and the usual friendly rivalry between the clubs, all of which have different idols.

Bay Area fan clubs are the only ones in the country incorporated and working together.



GREETED.—Arriving here today on the General Butner were three Chinese youngsters, who'll play a series of piano concerts in this country, including one for President Truman. They learned their skill while China was under Japanese occupation. Left to right: Madeline Wei, 10; Miss Margaret Pure, their musical and social secretary; Sophie Wei, 12; Capt. M. J. West, commanding the Butner; George Wei, 8, and Mrs. Frances Wei, the mother. (Story, Page 1)

Chinese Piano Prodigies Arrive for Benefit Tour

San Francisco's Chinatown prepared to welcome three Chinese piano prodigies today as they arrived for a nationwide tour for the benefit of child welfare in their own country.

The trio, George Wei, 8, and his sisters, Madeline, 10, and Sophie, 12, have been acclaimed by audiences including such dignitaries as Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Gen. and Mrs. George C. Marshall, Gen. Claire Chennault and Adm. Charles M. Cooke Jr., commander of the United States Seventh Fleet.

Their first concert will be before patients at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland with the formal tour beginning in Washington, D. C.

The youngsters, who practiced throughout the war as best they could while living under Japanese occupation in Shanghai, were asked to tour the United States on behalf of the National Child Welfare Association of China. They are accompanied by their

mother, and under the management of two former American soldiers, M. W. Riddle, who managed the Armed Forces' radio station at Shanghai, and Jack N. Anderson, former correspondent for Stars and Stripes.



The Wei trio of child pianists arrived by transport today from Shanghai for a Nation-wide concert tour to start Sunday at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll. Above (left to right) Madeline Wei, 10; Miss Margaret Pure, musical and social secretary; Sophie Wei, 12; Capt. M. J. West, U.S.N., of their ship, the U.S.S. General Butner; George Wei, 8, and the children's mother, Mrs. Frances Wei.—U.S. Navy photo.

Chinese Child Pianists to Tour U.S. in Concerts for War Victims

Three Chinese children who turned to music as their pleasure and help while they were victims of Japanese oppression, arrived in San Francisco today to show in piano concerts just what they learned.

The children, George Wei, 8, and his sisters, Sophie, 12, and Madeline, 10, made the trip from Shanghai with their mother, Mrs. Florence Wei, and musical and social secretary, Miss Margaret Pure, aboard the Navy transport, USS General H. W. Butner.

They will give their first concert here Sunday evening when they entertain patients of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll and then they will go to Washington, D.C., to start a Nation-wide tour during Christmas week when they play for President Harry S. Truman in the White House. Proceeds from the tour will go to aid Chinese war orphans.

George will play two of his own compositions, "To My Mother" and "Victory Day" at Sunday's concert. Other program numbers include "Invitation to the Dance" by Von Weber; "Waltz," by Schumann; "Concerto for Two Pianos," by Haydn; "Moonlight Sonata," by Beethoven, and "March Militaire," by Schubert.

The children have been acclaimed in their native land where they played before such dignitaries as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Gen. George C. Marshall.

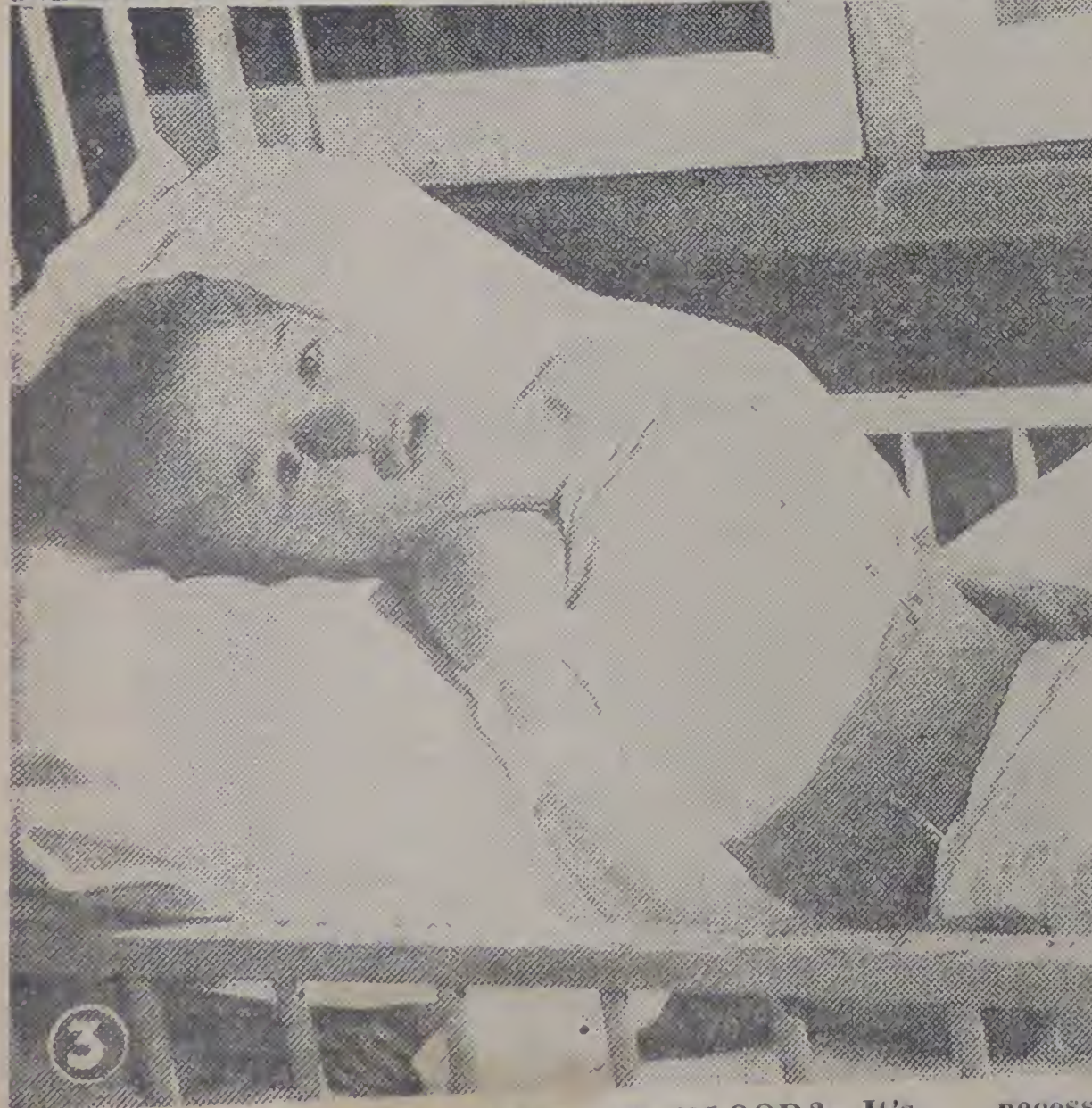
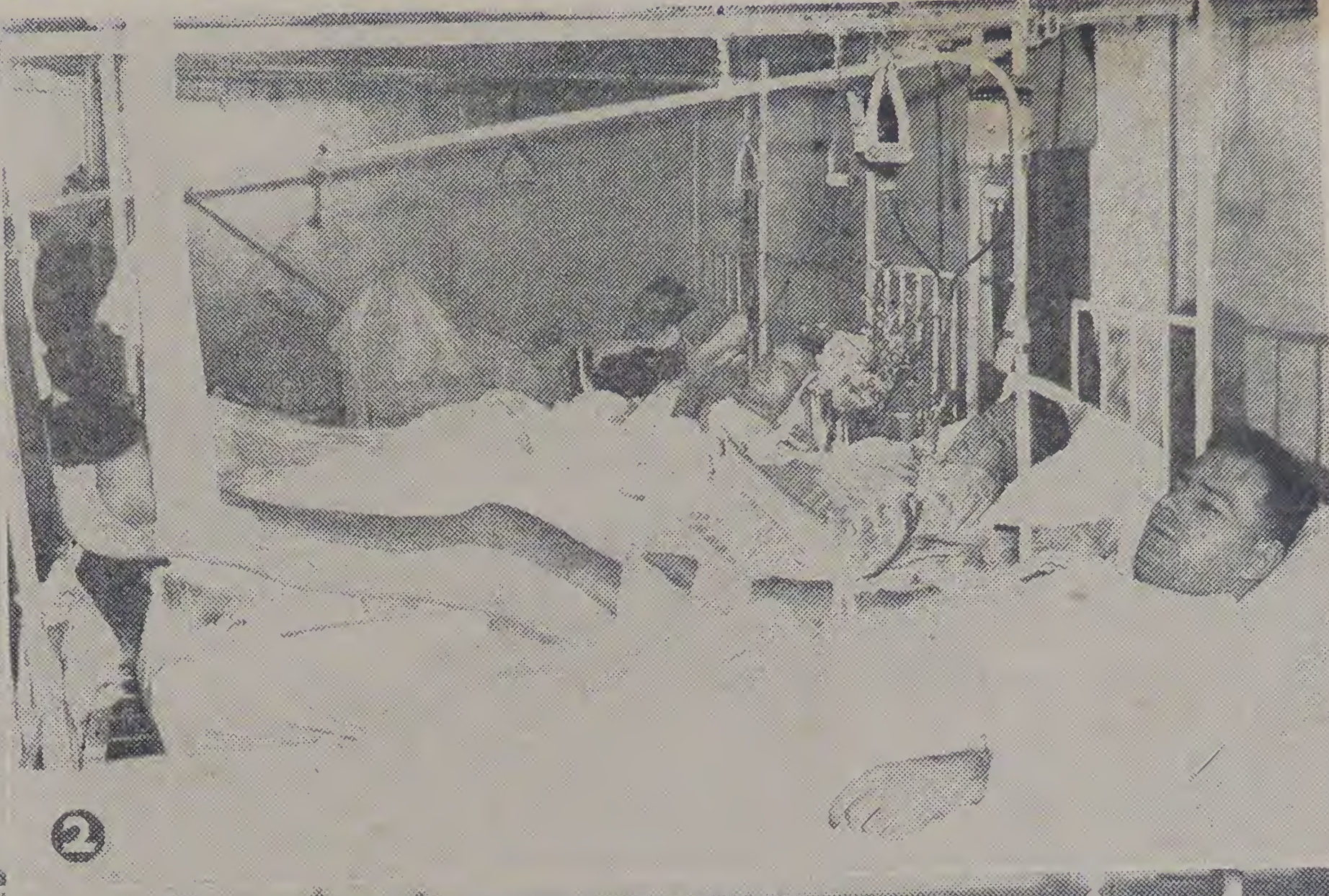
This tour is in the nature of a

reward for their persistence in their piano practice throughout the family's most trying days, when the Japs confiscated their belongings, confined them to a solitary room and "restricted" their diet.

Often the children practiced bundled in blankets during Winter to protect them from the bitter cold and propped up on pillows to boost them within reach of the keyboard. Their father heated water for them to warm their hands.

The three youngsters made their debut before post-war Shanghai at a Victory Day concert December 12, 1945.

JUST A FEW REASONS WHY OAK KNOLL NEEDS BLOOD



CAN'T YOU SPARE A PINT OF BLOOD?—It's for victims of war and accident like these pictured here that an urgent call has gone forth for blood donations. Photo No. 1: There have been numerous cases of burns, such as those received by Albert Wocher, S 2/c, in a gasoline fire aboard an LST. Your blood is needed for cases like these. Photo No. 2: Harvey E. Manners, AMM 1/c, (with leg in traction) had received eight blood transfusions before a

necessary operation could be performed. His leg was badly crushed beneath a 2800-pound steel box during a hangar explosion. His case is typical of many others in need of blood. Photo No. 3: Jimmy Corliss is not the only child who has suffered from household accidents. Son of a first-class seaman, he was severely scalded when a utensil tipped off a stove. The lives and comfort of these children depend on a well-stocked Blood Bank. Photo No. 4: Johnny Schauweker, AM

1/c, was a victim of careless driving. Coming off SP duty, he was struck down by auto in Oakland just a few days before his discharge and planned wedding. Navy Nurse Elva Wertman is shown administering his third blood transfusion. You may make an appointment to give your blood by calling the Recreation Office, Ext. 506 or 853, as soon as possible. Naval personnel donating blood will be given a 48-hour liberty.

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Richard Harveys Return to S. F. After Xmas Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey left today for San Francisco after a week's visit here with the former's parents.

The young couple recently disclosed their marriage, which had taken place in Oakland on August 3 while both were stationed at the Oak Knoll Naval hospital. "Li'l Joe," as he was known to his intimates during his high school days, was a pharmacist's mate at the hospital, where he met Barbara Ferguson of Detroit, who was stationed there with the WAVES.

The young benedict, who was discharged from the Navy November 4, is currently studying to be a mortician at a college in San Francisco.

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Sportsmen Plan For Four Events

Plans for four events which will keep members occupied until the Spring months were developed at a meeting of the Hayward Sportsmen's Club at the Labor Temple Tuesday night.

The club named Kenneth Fry to cooperate with the Castro Valley Sportsmen's Club in the release of a number of pheasants in Alameda County. The birds will arrive from the State Game Farm today.

A committee composed of Fred Davis, John DeMuri, James Mork, and David Fry will start work immediately on a program of sports to be presented for wounded veterans at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Pictures and sports displays are contemplated.

A committee also was appointed to cooperate with the Castro Valley sportsmen on a survey of the San Lorenzo Creek, to attempt to remove all fish obstructions from the creek bed and have the mouth opened at the bay.

A joint meeting of members and their wives will be featured January 21 and a program of refreshments and dancing is being planned.

Chairman Lawrence McNabb of District Council No. 3 of Associated Sportsmen was the guest speaker, announcing urgent needs of sportsmen to be alert against forces which will seek to commercialize the abalone on the north coast in the next session of the State Legislature.



"No one can be perfectly free till all are free; . . . no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy."
—Herbert Spencer

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Junior Red Cross Plans For '47, Reviews '46

After a busy Christmas season of brightening the holidays for hospitalized veterans and needy children overseas, the Junior Red Cross is ready to begin another year of service.

During the past year the organization had 100 per cent enrollment in the schools. In school workshops members made writing boards, lap trays, games, ash trays, knotting boards for arts and crafts workers, sewing kits and a host of other things for veterans at Oak Knoll, Livermore and Mare Island hospitals.

'BLOOD FOR OAK KNOLL' DRIVE GAINS IMPETUS

Report Supply Still Running Short Of Demand; Schedule Set Up To Accommodate Station Donors

NAS ALAMEDA, Nov. 15—Responding to the urgent call for blood from Oak Knoll Hospital, volunteer blood donors are rallying to the needs of our war wounded with the same commendable spirit shown during war time, Lieutenant Don Santure, Recreation Officer, said today.

"However," he continued, "the supply is still running far short of the demand, and we cannot urge the men and women aboard this Station too strongly to respond to this Blood Drive for the benefit of our wounded fighting men."

Donations can be made on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Oak Knoll Hospital by military personnel. Transportation is furnished by the Recreation Office which departs from Building 18 at 0900.

SPECIALIST ENLISTED

Every second Tuesday blood donations are received by the blood bank team from the USN Hospital, Oakland, composed of especially trained medical officers and nurses for the convenience of naval and civilian personnel.

Those desiring to give blood should make an appointment by calling the Recreation Office, Ext. 506 or 353, as soon as possible.

Naval personnel donating blood will be given a 48-hour liberty.

Among the first military personnel to answer Oak Knoll's call for blood were the following:

INITIAL DONORS

H. G. Buchanan, AMM 1/c; F. Braneff, S 2/c; S. J. Carter, ACM; A. W. Tyner, ACMMH; J. W. Brannan, S 1/c; O. Niles, S 1/c; A. L. Seymour, CTMV; V. J. Nelson, S 2/c; V. Kerrigan, S 2/c; L. D. Lewis, PVT; C. A. Hollingshead, Marines; B. L. Kitterman, PVT; D. A. McChesney, PVT; F. E. Borah, PVT; W. G. Sapp, AMM 1/c; J. E. Hildibrand, PRV 3/c; R. J. Weisheit, AMMH 1/c.

L. K. Clark, AMM 1/c; F. V. Sabato, CPC; D. P. Conley, CCS; D. A. Olsen, CCS; H. H. Lowery,

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SCHEDULE FOR BLOOD DONORS

In order to maintain a steady flow of blood donors, rather than receive a great number of people at one time, a schedule has been arranged setting aside a day for each department. It will be the policy to send naval donors once daily at the rate of ten per day.

The following departments are scheduled to send their quota of blood donors during the ensuing week:

Nov. 15 — Dental, Medical; Nov. 18—Commissary; Nov. 20—Commissary Store; Nov. 21—Disbursing; and Nov. 22—Inspection.

On the second and fourth Tuesday of each month blood donations are taken at the NAS dispensary from civilian and naval personnel. Civilians should be given preference on the list to prevent time loss but naval personnel desiring to donate blood on Tuesdays will be taken also.

If the quota assigned your department cannot be met due to critical personnel being effected, please notify the Recreation Officer within one week after receiving your instructions and other departments with a great number of personnel will be called upon to help meet your quota.

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New strips on KWBR

"Melody House," a new four-hour all-request program, has the switchboard and mail orderly swamped with calls at the 12 noon to 4 p.m. Monday-through-Saturday period. The show bowed in last week, with George Oxford and Roger Roberts relieving each other at half-hour intervals. . . . Another new one, slated to open at 10:30 a.m. Monday on the five-a-week schedule, is "Miracle House," a music and chatter program, with Mary Dorr as the mikemaid. Mary plans an interview each day, with representatives of the various civic, service and welfare organizations in the spotlight. . . . Christmas plans at KWBR include a three-hour music program starting at noon, to be followed by a half-hour interview of Sunday's Red Cross activity at Oak Knoll Hospital, with Roger Roberts at the mike.

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Myrle T. Brown Died at Oak Knoll Hospital Friday

Myrle T. Brown, husband of Virginia, son of Thorwald and Nell M. Brown, brother of Ray, Ted, Gregory and Ann Brown, passed to his Eternal Reward on Friday of last week at Oak Knoll Hospital. Myrle was a Machinist's Mast 1st Class and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was well known here and the community had hoped to see him recover and come home to stay.

Services were held at The Grant Miller Chapel at 8:15 Monday morning after which a Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church. Recitation of the Rosary occurred Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Interment was in Golden Gate National Cemetery.

The Community joins in sympathy for its beloved friend, Virginia, and all his loved ones.

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Second Woman to Join Legion Post

NILES, Dec. 30.—The second woman to become a member of the Washington Township Post of the American Legion is Mrs. Frances Logsdon, former lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy's nursing corps, now in a local doctor's office.

Among others to be initiated in January will be her husband, Bert, former pharmacist's mate, and her boss, Dr. E. C. Grau, who served as an Army major overseas; also Dr. T. C. Wilson, former Army captain in the Dental Corps, all of Niles.

Mrs. Logsdon was graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland and from the Highland Hospital School for Nurses. She served at Oak Knoll Hospital and in the Navy dispensary at Clearfield, Utah, where she and her husband met. He is now connected with the Alameda County Road Construction office at Hayward.

Dr. Grau served in England and France and Dr. Wilson was stationed in Arizona. The only other woman member of the post is Miss Dorothy Boetho of Centerville, former WAC.

The House That Bill Could Have Built !

AN OPEN LETTER TO WILLIAM PATRICK KYNE

Dear Bill:

I had a dream the other night. I saw a half-million dollar pavilion located on the Alameda County Fair Grounds at Pleasanton. In it were displayed the bountiful agricultural crops, products and articles manufactured in Alameda County, the same high type of exhibits that were the highlights of the Sonoma and San Mateo County Fairs of this past year. Of course, when I awoke, I quickly realized that this scene at Pleasanton was just a mirage of what will actually take place in a few years on the grounds opposite the Bay Meadows Race Track at San Mateo, where this new half-million dollar exhibit pavilion or pavilions will be built and paid for through the profits derived by the County of San Mateo, in the holding of the San Mateo County Fair Race Meeting at Bay Meadows. In the meantime, you will of course, continue to donate your beautiful Club House and make available your Club House parking lot for the temporary housing of these exhibits.

The three Fair Race Meetings that you had a personal interest in this year were tremendous financial successes. I do not have the figures on Santa Rosa, but I know it enjoyed a real successful meeting. The Pleasanton meeting brought Alameda County in the neighborhood of \$90,000 and the same for San Mateo County. The other two where you had no interest, lost money. Galt dropped 35 G's and Stockton \$50,000. Although in all fairness to the latter, it would have made about \$75,000 if they had decided to hire a "stand by" band of musicians instead of bucking Petrillo. You have naturally washed your hands of the Alameda County Fair Racing at Pleasanton after receiving a clean bill of health from District Attorney Ralph Hoyt in his recent investigation of the Fair's Funds. You, no doubt now, will be very fortunate to receive your expenses out of this mess, but I know that you don't give a da—! as you probably would have given the whole amount to charity anyway.

Personally I feel that the general public should be more enlightened as to what you actually gave to the Pleasanton Race Meeting. First you had to "bank roll" the 1946 meeting with \$210,000, to guarantee the mutuels, purses and salaries. Secondly, you loaned your starting gate, track equipment, trucks, etc., and thirdly, your personal supervision and your staff of experienced officials, thereby insuring every horse player an honest run for his money. If some people think that you can't lose money on these guarantees, they might take the time to ask the guy that bankrolled Galt—he only lost \$35,000. (I won't ask you the question as to whether the County of Alameda would have reimbursed you, had you lost that amount, the answer to that one is obvious).

Anyway, "the House That You Could Have Built," a half-million dollar exhibit pavilion at Pleasanton, had you been left in charge of racing there for the next five years, will not be built. At least not through the profits derived from racing at Pleasanton and I can't see this amount being voted out of County funds. Of course, if this miracle should occur, the standard of exhibits would have to be improved upon, as this year the chief ones were a "two-headed cow" and a broken-down merry-go-round." You of course had had nothing to do with the exhibits.

As to the money you were to receive for your efforts at Pleasanton, I am sure that you will never miss it. The millions that you have given to War Relief through the California Jockey Club will more than vouch for that, whether it be a Recreation Center at Oak Knoll Hospital, a Church at Treasure Island, Athletic equipment to our own boys on the isolated islands of the South Pacific, or an expensive artificial leg or arm for one of our boys, who lost his in action. By the way, in case some "doubtful Thomases" are still unconvinced, how about the \$100,000 you recently pledged through the California Jockey Club, to be given to the Hanna Center, the "California Boys' Town" to be located at Danville, Contra Costa County. And let's not forget, Bill, the \$6,000 that you spent recently in newspaper advertising for the Sister Kenny Infantile Paralysis Foundation and the Father Hanna Boys' Center Campaigns, to raise money for these needy groups. And that currently you are spending your Christmas Holidays with a round of visits and shows for the wounded and disabled veterans in our Northern California Service Hospitals.

As for myself personally, Bill, you are "tops with me." The only thing that I regret is that there aren't more "Bill Kynes" around to make this world a better place to live in!

As ever, your pal,

C.O.B.

Charles O. Blincoe.



NEW GARB— Yeoman Howard Marcov, right, wears the new Navy dress blues, and Tommy Hendricks models the new fatigue uniform, as Yeoman James Iten (in present Navy blues) and WAVE Ruth Johnson look on. (See P. 7.)
—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.



Proudly waving their discharge papers, these sailors leave the Camp Shoemaker Naval Separation Center as the final group of men to be discharged there. They are members of the ship's company at the station, which once had 55,000 men.—U.S. Navy photo.

Ceremony Held At Shoemaker

LIVERMORE, Aug. 28.—Camp Shoemaker, once the largest naval separation center west of the Great Lakes, discharged its final group of sailors yesterday afternoon—247 members of its ship's company.

The sailors, who received their honorable discharges from Capt. W. E. Martin, their commanding officer, were the last members of the separation center's staff to leave.

Prior to becoming a separation center, Camp Shoemaker served nearly four war years as a training, distribution and receiving station.

The camp, which once held 55,000 men, now awaits final disposition.

SAILORS SCORN NEW UNIFORMS

(Picture on page 14)

First sailor reaction yesterday to the new Navy enlisted man's uniform being tested by seventy-five Treasure Island seamen attached to the Pacific Minecraft Command:

"It's not the thing a regular sailor ought to wear."

"The design is much more comfortable, but the material could be lighter."

The test is part of a world-wide spot check to see how Navy enlisted men react. In two months, a report will be submitted to Washington as to sailor acceptance, durability and comfort.

Three types are being worn. Dress blues consist of civilian type trousers, white shirt and Eisenhower jacket. Undress gray are blue-gray trousers, shirt and tie. Whites are a variation of dress blues.

The Navy seeks primarily to determine if a hard material is more practicable than the old "monkey suit" wool. The testers additionally, are interested in the feminine drawing power

BEARY ASSUMES S. F. NAVY POST

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R. Arm. D. B. Beary, U.S.N., took command of the Twelfth Naval District yesterday in ceremonies at the Federal Office Building. He succeeds R. Adm. Carleton H. Wright, U.S.N., who will proceed to Pacific Fleet headquarters in the capacity of general inspector of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Admiral Beary, a native of Helena, Mont., had various commands during the war, including the task group which supported the far reaching operations of the Pacific Fleet. His most recent assignment was administrator of the Bank of Japan in Tokio.

Admiral Wright expressed regret at leaving the Twelfth District but added that there was a good chance that he would return, since, he said, "it is upon this great port that much of the strength and destiny at sea of the United States will always depend."



MOVING UP.—Captain Ernest M. Eller, above, former 12th Naval District public relations director, today was named to become director of all naval public relations, with offices in Washington. He is succeeded here by Captain R. W. Berry.



T. I.'S NEW BOSS.—Captain Elliott M. Senn, U. S. N., is new commanding officer at the U. S. Naval Station on Treasure Island. He replaced Captain John R. Redman, who returns to his old position of commanding officer of the Receiving Station, San Francisco. Captain Senn was formerly attached to the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C.

Admiral Retiring

Rear Adm. Richard H. Laning, U.S.N., 12th Naval District Medical Officer, was relieved of his duties today prior to his retirement after 34 years of service.

Succeeding him was Rear Adm. John Paul Owen, MC, U.S.N., who has been serving with the Third Naval District, New York.

During World War II Admiral Laning was senior medical officer aboard the Carrier Lexington and the Battleship Oklahoma.

They're Giving Navy Back to the 'Chiefs'

Day of Specialists
With Commissions
Is About Over

(Second of a Series.)

BY DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—They've given the Navy back to the "chiefs."

It has long been an old saw that the backbone of the Navy is the chief petty officer. The war changed that. Ensigns, lieutenants and commissioned "specialists" took over sections and responsibilities that traditionally belonged to chiefs. Many chiefs were given commissions.

With the first year of peace the Navy is beginning to resemble its old self.

There are other significant changes all over the Navy, too, which have taken place since V-J Day.

Discipline is getting tighter. Yeomen no longer call lieutenants by their nicknames. There isn't the informal camaraderie that existed between junior and senior officers during the war. It existed among the more numerous reserve officers who never quite seemed to grasp the full significance of relative rank instilled in the regular Navy officer. And the chances of the seaman second becoming the lieutenant commander's boss after the war aren't nearly as great any more either.

LIFE IS PRETTY GOOD

The "USNR" after names—stamping a man a reserve—is now practically extinct on active duty Navy rolls. Although the Navy encouraged reserve officers in special categories to stay, few remained who didn't plan to make the Navy a career. A few are back in relative civilian capacities, however.

It is no secret that the life of a Navy officer during peace is pretty good. Homes on Navy bases are extremely comfortable and sea duty breaks the monotony. The social life is gay. With the rigors and restrictions of war rapidly disappearing there has been a fast return to that kind of existence. The only exception is that by orders of the Chief of Naval Operations senior officers will henceforth have to mingle more with the public than they had a habit of doing before the war.

RANK CUTS FEARED

One of the most pressing questions of the day for Navy officers concerns when they will be returned to permanent rank. They all received temporary promotions during the war. One of the most extreme cases is a rear admiral whose permanent rank is that of lieutenant (j.g.). It's not pleasant to contemplate a cut in pay these days with prices going where they're going.

It is rumored that the Navy has a plan to keep everybody at his present rank with few rank reductions. This would be done by keeping officers in their present rank for the length of time it would ordinarily take them to have reached it and be promoted.

One of the most unpopular organizations in the Navy today among older officers is a body known unofficially as the "plucking board." It is the duty of this board to force the over-age higher ranking officers into retirement. This process is already under way.

CHANGE IN THEORY

The war, however, did change some of the Navy's old ideas of officers' duties. It is no longer considered a maxim that any one officer should be capable of doing all things. Although it has gotten rid of most of its war "specialists," it is recognized that modern warfare is too technical for any one officer to be an expert in all branches.

This change in theory of what an officer should be has also led to a revolutionary innovation in Navy officer education. It is called the Holloway Plan, conceived by Rear Adm. James L. Holloway. It supplements the training of officers at Annapolis by financing the education of reserve officer candidates through state and private universities and colleges.

The idea is that the Navy now needs officers with wider educational backgrounds than furnished at Annapolis. A student getting in on this plan agrees to serve a certain length of time in the reserves. The best of these students will get regular commissions and be encouraged



GOOD OL' NORMALCY.—Navy "chiefs" (chief petty officers) are getting back their old responsibilities now that most reserves and specialists have been demobilized. These two aboard the destroyer English keep careful watch on engine-room gauges during a run.

to make the Navy a permanent career.

YOUNG MAN'S NAVY

Another important change caused by the war was the rapid promotion of many capable young men. The Navy now is essentially a young man's Navy compared to its pre-war age status.

This also creates a problem for young officers immediately under young bosses. The prospects of getting promotions and good commands are dim for them for a long time. This is a real problem which is getting serious consideration by the Navy. One remedy is to let officers retire at an earlier age than at present.

With all their other worries, however, the underlying concern to most thoughtful Navy men is what the A-bomb is going to do to the Navy's future and to theirs. This they won't know until the full significance of the Bikini tests is evaluated by impartial jurors.

(Next: Winning friends and influencing the public.)



REAR ADM. HOLLOWAY

He plans a revolution in naval education.

The Navy's Birthday

Ceremonies Held
In the Bay Area
---And at Sea

The United States Navy officially observed its 171st birthday yesterday.

In ceremonies at sea and at shore stations, Navy personnel paid respects to their record of

"Victor in War, Guardian in Peace." Religious services throughout the Bay Area were dedicated to the memory of Navy heroes.

Far out beyond the Golden Gate, the destroyer Thomason carried flowers sent from all parts of the United States. The flowers were strewn upon the calm waters by Gold Star Mothers.

The submarine Calman, her decks laden with flowers, simultaneously submerged, carrying the flowers tagged with the names of Navy war dead down to the ocean's depths.

FIERCE BATTLES

Three chaplains aboard the Thomason, representing Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, conducted services during the flower ceremonies.

The memorial address at sea was given by Captain Razzie W. Truitt, 12th Naval District Chaplain. Addressing the Gold Star Mothers who were among the Thomason's 105 guests, he said:

"On these Pacific waters were fought some of the fiercest naval battles in history.

"Now, we must build the brave new world which the men of the fleet fought and died for. In this world there must be no place for those who sow the seeds of war between nations."

KEZAR PRAYER

At Kezar Stadium, just before the St. Mary's-Nevada football game started, 50,000 persons stood in silence while a Navy chaplain prayed for those who died fighting.

Additional services were held at the Alameda Naval Air Station, the Santa Rosa Auxiliary Air Station, the Port Chicago Navy Ammunition Depot, Moffett Field Naval Air Station, Mare Island, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, and at many churches, including St. Mary's Cathedral.

The services concluded a three-day observance.

CROWDS VISIT VESSELS, FETE NAVY DAY HERE

'Welcome' Mat Out for Throngs;
Planes 'Buzz' Celebration

The United States Navy, celebrating a double-barreled observance on Navy Day, yesterday hauled out its official "Welcome" mat for thousands of visitors in Bay area naval installations, and at the same time staged a dazzling display of naval aerial might.

With appropriate drama, seventy-five naval fighter planes "buzzed" San Francisco and other northern California cities to mark the Navy's second postwar observance of the day, with additional ceremonies scheduled again today.

SHIPS BOARDED

Early in the morning, hundreds of popeyed landlubbers began pouring up the gangplanks of ships at Piers 33 and 31 north, and 54 north. Among them were scores of children, boarding a naval vessel for the first time and beaming at the thrill.

Hunters Point was staging open house for thousands of visitors, with four Bikini Fleet destroyers scheduled to be undocked during the day. Hangar decks of the carriers U. S. S. Hornet and U. S. S. Intrepid were thrown open to the public, with distraught seamen warning youngsters to "watch out for those railings!"

Up at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, spectators were given the privilege of watching the U. S. S. Oklahoma City drydocked in the afternoon.

SPECIAL EVENT

Treasure Island claimed a major share of the day's activities, unveiling its extensive radar laboratories to the public for the first time.

Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Alameda Naval Air Station, Santa Rosa Naval Air Station, Port Chicago Naval Air Station, each had its own additional activities, with more thousands of persons swelling the over-all "attendance" total for the first of the two day observance.

Today, flowers will be placed aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Thomason, the submarine U. S. S. Calman, and a Navy blimp to be scattered on the water as part of the Navy's memorial service.

Navy Holds Open House

Flowers Will Be
Strewn on Sea Here
To Honor War Dead

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Flowers from all parts of the United States will be strewn at a beyond sight of land today in colorful ceremonies honoring the Navy's war dead.

This will be one of many memorial services scheduled for Navy ships and shore stations in the Bay Area as part of a Navy Day program. Today is the Navy's 171st birthday.

At 10 a. m. the destroyer Thomason and the submarine Calman, carrying the flowers and a large number of Gold Star Mothers and Fathers, will depart from Pier 33.

Captain Razzie W. Truitt, 12th Naval District chaplain, will officiate at the deep sea ceremonies. Overhead, a Navy blimp from Moffett Field will cruise as escort.

FORRESTAL TRIBUTE

Coincident with the Navy day program, Secretary of the Navy James B. Forrestal in Washington issued a statement of tribute to Navy veterans in hospitals.

"The recent victory over our enemies," he said, "was made possible by the outstanding service that each one of these men has rendered."

A special memorial mass will be held at 10:30 a. m. at St. Mary's Cathedral today. Commander Vincent Gorski, Navy chaplain, will officiate.

Tonight, several hundred patients at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Ft. Miley, will be Navy Day guests of William P. Kyne, general manager of the California Jockey Club. A new motion picture will be previewed.

Navy day celebrations started Friday with Mayor Roger Lapham accepting a memorial to the gallant cruiser San Francisco.

SHIPS INSPECTED

Yesterday, open house was held on all ships tied up in the bay. Ships at piers 31, 33 and 54 were inspected by thousands of citizens.

Nearly 15,000 persons visited the San Francisco Naval Shipyard at Hunters Point and watched launching there of four Bikini destroyers from a drydock.

Another service at Port Chicago honored those who died in the great ammunition blast there during the war.

Other open house programs were held at the Alameda Naval Air Station, the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital and at Mare Island.

SIGHT-SEEKS

At Treasure Island, while scores of Navy fighters roared overhead, sailors gave a demonstration of shipboard fire fighting. A dozer small craft carried sight-seers around Yerba Buena and Treasure islands.

On the Peninsula, crowds flocked to Moffett Field to inspect equipment of the Naval Air Transport command. At San Mateo, cadets of the U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet School staged a battalion review.

The U. S. Navy dates from October 27, 1775, when the Continental Congress received a bill providing for construction of the original United States fleet.

Oak Knoll to Hold Open House on Navy Day

Elaborate plans are under way at Oak Knoll for the hospital's observance of Navy Day on Saturday, October 26, when gates will be open to the public from 10 to 4 o'clock and on Sunday, October 27, when friends may again join patients and staff at special chapel services to honor those who lost their lives in World War II.

Captain A. H. Dearing, (MC), U.S.N., medical officer in command, has announced that all departments of the hospital will be open for inspection from 10 to 4 and that special entertainment has been planned to last throughout the afternoon. Beginning at 1 o'clock, motion pictures telling the story of the Navy Medical Department will be shown continuously in the ship's service auditorium. In the Red Cross craft shop the feature attraction will be an exhibit and demonstration of finger-painting by Pfc. Charles Boone, amputee patient. Jane Evans, former WAVE, will present an afternoon program of organ music in the Chapel.

Captain C. M. Drury, former Navy chaplain, author, editor, and present head of the department of History and Missions at San Francisco Theological Seminary will be the speaker at Protestant services to be held Sunday at 11 o'clock. Catholic mass for the dead will be conducted at 9:45 by Chaplain Carl Herold.

Oak Knoll's program is part of a nationwide observance of Navy Day, the second since the defeat of Japan.

PUBLIC INVITED TO OAK KNOLL

For the Nation's second observance of Navy Day since the defeat of Japan, Oak Knoll Hospital will open its gates to the public on Saturday and Sunday, October 27, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

Special chapel services honoring those who lost their lives in World War II will be included in the open house.

Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, medical officer in command, announced yesterday all departments of the hospital will be open for inspection. Finger painting exhibitions and demonstrations by Pfc. Charles Boone, an amputee patient, will be the feature of the Red Cross Craft shop.

Guest speaker at Protestant services at 11 a. m. Sunday will be Capt. C. M. Drury, former Navy chaplain, present head of the department of history and missions at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

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Navy Bases Host To Public Today

Key bay area Navy installations that played vital roles in winning the war in the Pacific held open house today for tens of thousands of guests, joining in the nation-wide celebration of Navy Day.

Theme of the celebration, which will continue through tomorrow, is the role of the Navy as "Victor in War—Guardian in Peace."

Closely guarded wartime secrets were open public property and devices and techniques that saved lives and shortened the war were proudly displayed at Hunters Point naval shipyard, at Mare Island naval shipyard, at Alameda and Moffett Field naval air stations, and at many other Navy centers in the area.

Carrier Display

Undocking of Bikini fleet destroyers, launching of auxiliary craft, display of hangar decks of aircraft carriers and display of submarine training facilities were featured at Hunters Point.

Treasure Island starred a display of radar laboratories and mine sweepers, demonstrated shipboard fire fighting methods

used in battle, and carried sight-seers around the island on small craft.

Alameda Naval Air Station displayed Navy planes—some of which soared over the bay in formation—and held open house on a carrier and an attack transport, demonstrated radar,

showed the Japanese suicide "Baka bomb," and revealed methods of keeping the reserve fleet in readiness.

Moffett Field, near Sunnyvale, showed globe girdling hospital and cargo planes, blimps and other air fleet aid agencies.

Mare Island Shops

Mare Island opened its industrial shops to visitors, and showed ship repair facilities that sent battle-damaged ships back to fight again. At the Naval Net Depot in Tiburon, the first public exhibit of anti-submarine and anti-torpedo nets was given, with a show of diving.

Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, showed the care given the wounded, while the Merchant Marine Cadet Corps at San Ma-

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HOW TO SEE WARSHIPS

Today is Navy Day and so some sixty Navy and Coast Guard ships will be at San Francisco docks for open house from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and again tomorrow. Map shows location of Piers 31, 33 (at right) and Pier 54 (at left). To reach first group, take Embarcadero bus from Ferry building (broken line, lower right). To reach Pier 53 or to go on to Hunters Point (also holding open house today), take Third street bus at Market (broken arrow, left).

tion was sending up planes to strew flowers over the sea in honor of the Navy's dead, while at Port Chicago services were to be held honoring men killed in a wartime explosion there.

Navy Beauty Contest

Hunters Point Navy theater was to hold a beauty contest at 8 o'clock tonight, with some thirty San Francisco girls com-

ing Navy Day. Grace Cathedral will observe Navy Day with a choral-evensong service at 4 p. m., at which a Treasure Island Navy choir will sing.

Treasure Island services will be held at 10:30 a. m., Moffett Field will hold services in the station chapel at 9 and 10:30 a. m., Mare Island Navy Yard chapel will be the scene of services at 10:30 and the Oak Knoll Hospital services are scheduled for 11 a. m.

Chaplain Carl Herold will conduct a Catholic mass for the dead at 9:45 tomorrow at Oak Knoll.

Flowers on Sea

The traditional scattering of flowers at sea will take place aboard the destroyer USS John W. Thomason tomorrow, leaving Pier 33 south at 10 a. m. with Gold Star Mothers as honor guests. Mothers, fathers and wives of Navy and Marine personnel lost in the war are invited. The USS Calman, submarine, also will leave Pier 33 at the same hour, submerging at sea while wreaths packed thickly on her decks float on the waves.

The memorial service at sea aboard the Thomason will be conducted by District Chaplain Razzie W. Truitt, Protestant; Chaplain Thomas J. Odium, Catholic, and Chaplain Alfred J. Barnston, Jewish.

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Admiral King, war-time Chief of Naval Operations and now attached to the office of the Secretary of the Navy, spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club, the Navy League of the United States, Marine Exchange, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Propeller Club. Another talk was given by Major General Field Harris, USMC, director of aviation for the Marine Corps.

Navy Business

He referred to "pseudo-scientific, or Buck Rogers type of predictions," regarding the early scrapping of present military forces caused by technological developments and said that although these developments will make warfare more complex, they will not "affect" the role of basic fundamental military factors as we now know them.

"Navy Day affords the people of the United States an opportunity to salute the achievements of our Navy," said the Mayor.

He pointed out that this is the first Navy Day since demobilization in which the public may give proper recognition of the peacetime Navy in its role as guardian of "our Nation's freedom."

NAVY DAY SLOGAN

Mayor Beach proclaimed Sunday, a "Navy Day," adding that "although Navy Day is officially proclaimed for Sunday, the program celebrating and commemorating Navy Day will be held on Saturday throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and I call upon and urge all citizens of Oakland to take part in this observance of Navy Day through the many channels open to them at the various Naval Installations in the Oakland area."

Week-end Navy Day programs
and displays are expected to bring
thousands of visitors to see Bay
area Navy installations. Major
Naval installations around the Bay
area that will have special programs
include the following:

- Naval Air Station
- Naval Amphibious Base
- Naval Armory
- Naval Hospital

More Island Navy Yard demonstrations, including specialized radio equipment and television sets used at the Bikini tests, and visiting more than a dozen ships.

TRAINING DISPLAYS

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12 small auxiliary vessels. The depot's largest Naval supply base and displays thousands of different types of equipment and material supplied by the depot during the war to the Pacific Fleet.

Alameda Naval Air Station—Open house displays of types of naval aircraft and equipment.

Oak Knoll Naval Hospital—Open house and displays of naval medical equipment.

Navy Week To Be Busy

Admiral King will be guest of honor at the annual Navy Day luncheon at the Commercial Club—an event sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, the Navy League of the United States, Marine Exchange, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Propeller Club.

Week-end Navy Day programs are expected to bring thousands of visitors to Bay area Navy installations. There will be open house observances Saturday at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, the Alameda Naval Air Station, the Oakland Naval Hospital and Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

FAMILIES INVITED

The Navy reported today that the Thomason and the submarine Caiman will leave Pier 33 south, San Francisco, at 10 a.m. Sur Jay Mothers, fathers and wives of Naval and Marine personnel lost in the war are invited to join in the trip and service, the report said. Persons wishing to make the trip on the Thomason are requested to give their names to Mrs. McLinden in the district chaplain's office. The Caiman will carry no passengers.

The memorial service will be conducted by Chaplain R. W. Truitt, district chaplain, Protestant; Chaplain Thomas J. Odium, Catholic; and Chaplain Alfred J. Barnston, Jewish chaplain. Music for the services will be provided by a USO choir from the Apostleship of the Sea USO and by a choir of 10 WAVES. Flowers will be scattered on the water by mothers, USO hostesses and WAVES. The submarine, with her decks loaded with flowers, then will submerge.

Flowers for the services sent by relatives of men who lost their lives at sea may be addressed to the Senior Naval Chaplain, 12th Naval District, 45 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

Comdr. Vincent Gorski, chaplain attached to the Alameda Naval Air Station, will celebrate a solemn mass in observance of Navy Day on Sunday in St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

BISHOP TO PRESIDE

Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, will preside in the sanctuary. The Rev. Charles J. Farrell, assistant pastor of St. Rose's Church, Santa Rosa, and a former Navy chaplain, will preach the sermon.

Plans for Saturday's Bay area observance call for the flight of numerous fighter planes over Navy installation.

At Mare Island Navy Yard, there will be numerous special displays and demonstrations. In addition to displays of the standard line of specialized radio equipment, for example, there will be a demonstration of television such as that set up and used at the Bikini atomic bomb test.

More than a dozen ships will be open for inspection. A special event will be the drydocking of a 1,000-tonner in the shipyard's largest drydock. Mare Island gates will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Oakland Naval Hospital, where an open house observance is scheduled Saturday, will have special Navy Day noontime service Sunday.



These seven young women present an invitation for you to be on hand for an open house observance Saturday at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot. Left to right: Ange Gonzales, Eleanor Schmidt, Colleen Whitmarsh, Alma Culbertson, Alma Ziehn, Gnarine Walters, Dorothy Coates.

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Warships to Hold 'Open House'; Other Navy Day Events Listed

Thousands of Oakland area citizens, joining with a grateful public throughout the United States, will salute the world's greatest Navy tomorrow and Sunday on its second Navy Day observance since the close of World War II.

In proclaiming Sunday as Navy Day, Gov. Earl Warren declared that "to the Navy of the United States goes a large and enduring share of our gratitude for the victory so recently achieved."

The Governor said it was his hope that "on this day the people of California will join in appropriate ceremonies honoring all who have helped in the making of American naval history and particularly the men and women of our home State who have had a part in writing its most recent chapter."

'OPEN HOUSE' ON SHIPS

"Open house" is the order of the day for warships, along the waterfront, as well as at the Alameda Naval Air Station, the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, the Small Craft Albany Depot, Mare Island, the Naval Supply Depot and at every station where the Navy has ships, planes, buildings, men and equipment.

Special ceremonies, commemorative services, luncheons, dinners, thousands of displays, revealing hitherto secret equipment, rides around the Bay in naval vessels and, on the somber side, memorial services, will combine to offer a week-end first-hand, comprehensive glimpse of the Navy, which just one year ago, returned from the Pacific with victory banners flying.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

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Again this year, special flower memorial services in honor of persons who lost their lives at sea during World War II will be conducted Sunday.

MEMORIAL RITES

Flowers will be taken outside the Golden Gate aboard the destroyer USS Thomason and the submarine USS Caiman, and planes from Alameda and Santa Rosa will carry them aloft to be scattered on the waves Sunday-morning. The Caiman will submerge with flowers scattered about her deck in honor of underwater sailors who lost their lives carrying the war to the shores of Japan.

Mothers, fathers and wives of naval and marine personnel lost in the war are invited to join in the trip and services aboard the Thomason, which gets underway from Pier 33, South San Francisco, at 10 a.m. Sunday, the Navy announced. Persons wishing to make the trip are requested to give their names to Mrs. McLinden in the district chaplain's office.

Thousands of sight-seers are expected to throng into the major Oakland area naval establishments over the weekend, under the accompanying thunder of some 200 naval planes—the war-famous "Hellcats," "Helldivers," "Avengers," "Dauntlesses," "Wildcats" and the new "Fireballs."

NAVAL AIR STATION

The Alameda Naval Air Station will open its gates to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, to display all types of Navy planes, and ordnance, radio equipment and methods of preservation for the Navy's ships of the inactive fleet.

Two ships at the air station piers, the USS Antietam, an aircraft carrier,

and the USS Niagara, an attack transport, will hold open house for visitors. The small aircraft carrier, USS San Jacinto, will be on display at the piers, but visitors cannot go aboard. Demonstrations on the pier will show the complete process of preservation through which ships of the inactive fleet must go. The demonstration will also show how quickly the preservation can be removed in case of emergency.

The Oakland Naval Supply Depot will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow, marking the first time its gates have been open to visitors since it was built.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Highlight of events slated for the huge naval supply establishment, is the presentation of the battle flag of Oakland's sea-going namesake, the light cruiser USS Oakland, to Mayor Herbert L. Beach. The presentation will be made by Rear Admiral William M. Callaghan, one of Oakland's topmost naval heroes.

A destroyer, a submarine and a hospital ship are a few of the many Navy combat and supply vessels lined up for visitors to go aboard and inspect at the depot. In addition, there will be boat rides around the Bay available to all visitors, dozens of displays, exhibits and demonstrations including the coffee roasting plant, captured Japanese equipment, Navy and Marine amphibious equipment, fire fighting demonstrations, radar and other electronic equipment and carrier planes. The Sea Scout ship, Farallon, will be on hand for an exhibition of seamanship skills with Boy Scout Unit 78, Berkeley, in charge of the exhibits.

The University of California band will play throughout the day and a USO theatrical group will provide entertainment.

OAK KNOLL HOSPITAL

At the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, which is open all day tomorrow, guests will be shown the technique utilized in the medical treatment of the Navy's sick and wounded. During the program, Pfc. Charles F. Boone, USMRC, a wounded veteran, will illustrate the wonders an artist can do with a pot of cooked cornstarch, a pinch of paint, a pail of water and a sponge. He learned the technique of the art, which was presented once before at the American Medical Association convention in San Francisco, at the Mare Island Hospital, where he was hospitalized after being wounded on Iwo Jima by a mortar shell.

Boone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boone of 463 Fairmont Avenue.

Probably the largest and most complete open house in the Bay area will be held at the Mare Island Navy Yard, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow. Numerous special displays and demonstrations will unfold some of the mysteries of shipbuilding and repair to the public for the first time, while the more than 100 ships made available for inspection will present all phases of "sea-going" life.

PRODUCTION DISPLAY

Over 15 industrial shops representing the specialized production of dozens of trades and demonstrating scores of specialized methods and processes will be in operation for all to visit. In addition, there will be a display of the standard line of specialized radio equipment and a demonstration of television such as that set up and used at the Bikini atomic bomb tests. Radio operated "drone" planes, all types of radar, teletypes, radio telephones and wire recorders will also be on exhibit. The electronics display and demonstrations alone cover approximately 15,000 feet of floor space.

Other attractions may be found along the waterfront where 100



These three destroyers, part of the fleet which one year ago had just returned from the war in the Pacific, will be on hand for the Oakland Naval Supply Depot's observance of Navy Day. These ships, together with many other naval vessels and dozens of special displays, will be open for visiting by the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow.

vessels, ranging from light cruisers and submarine tenders down to small craft, will be open to visitors. One of the waterfront's most spectacular scenes is a group of 52 submarines tied up at one anchorage.

Among the special events to be presented at Mare Island on Saturday will be the drydocking of the 10,000-ton USS Oklahoma City, in the shipyard's largest drydock.

VISITORS WELCOME

All gates to the shipyard will be open to privately owned automobiles and visitors on foot, and no passes will be required for admittance, the yard announced. No cameras are allowed.

Small amphibious craft in storage at the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot at Albany may be inspected by the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. Naval personnel on duty will explain the employment and characteristics of each type of boat to visitors.

Oakland Naval Reservists will open their Naval Reserve armory, 674 23rd Street, and their training vessel, the destroyer USS Shields, which is berthed at the foot of Fifth Avenue, to the public from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tomorrow and Sunday.

ADJACENT CITIES

Celebrations in cities adjacent to the Bay area will be co-ordinated with the flight of 75 Navy fighter planes over their areas tomorrow. The flight will pass over Sausalito at 2:06 p.m., San Jose at 2:27 p.m., Salinas at 2:47 p.m., Monterey at 2:53 p.m., Carmel at 3:54 p.m., Watsonville at 3 p.m., Santa Cruz at 3:06 p.m., Stockton at 3:33 p.m., Vallejo at 3:51 p.m. and Alameda at 4 p.m.

Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, home of the Naval Air Transport Service will hold open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow, Capt. G. H. Mills, USN, commanding officer, has announced. Among the exhibits will be a Navy dirigible and a NATS hospital plane. The entire field will remain in operation throughout the day affording the public a first-hand look at a major air base in action.

Navy Day To Be Celebrated in Bay Area

OPEN HOUSE FETES AT NAVAL STATIONS; IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL RITES PLANNED

The United States Navy, victorious in war and alert in peace, will celebrate its 171st birthday tomorrow and Sunday in elaborate ceremonies at Navy installations in the Oakland area and across the nation.

Open house programs will be held Saturday at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, the Alameda

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Naval Air Station, Oakland Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll, the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot at Albany and at the Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island Naval Stations.

Visitors will be welcomed aboard the U. S. S. Shields, the training vessel of the Oakland unit of the Naval Reserve, both tomorrow and Sunday and open house will be held Sunday at the Oakland Airport base of the Naval Air Reserve.

AERIAL DISPLAY

At 11 a. m. tomorrow, 194 Navy fighter planes from the Alameda Naval Air Station will roar over Bay Area Naval installations in a gigantic sweep.

Sunday will bring a colorful tribute to the Navy's dead of World War II through the scattering of thousands of blooms from two Navy vessels on the waters of the Pacific Ocean outside the Golden Gate.

Flowers for Sunday's memorial service at sea will be accepted by the Navy for scattering upon the waves up until midnight tomorrow.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Individuals will be permitted to send one blossom and organizations may send a small wreath to be cast upon the waters of the ocean, the Navy said.

Flowers are to be addressed to the Senior Naval Chaplain, 12th Naval District, 15 Hyde street, San Francisco.

The flowers will be taken aboard the U. S. S. John W. Thomason, which will leave Pier 33 at San Francisco at 10 a. m. Sunday for the memorial cruise out the Golden Gate.

Mothers, fathers and wives of Naval and Marine personnel lost in the war are invited to join the ship for the trip and memorial service.

HOW TO MAKE TRIP

Those wishing to make the trip are requested to give their names to Mrs. McLinden at Market 3828, extension 6656, or at Overland 5017.

The submarine Caiman, her decks loaded with flowers, will accompany the Thomason to sea and will submerge, setting the blooms adrift, at the conclusion of the service.

On Sunday, special memorial services will be held at all Oakland and Bay Area Navy installations.

Here are the highlights of Navy Day ceremonies at Oakland area Navy bases:

NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT:

Open to the public tomorrow from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Combat and cargo craft will be open for inspection and thousands will be given free rides around the Bay on Naval craft.

Special events and displays include "open house" at the depot's giant coffee roaster, a radar demonstration, inspections of the gun repair shops, a display of Marine Corps amphibious equipment, an

exhibit of captured Japanese weapons in war and alert in peace, a Sea Scout demonstration, entertainment by a U. S. O. troupe and music by the University of California Band.

At ceremonies scheduled for 2 p. m., the battle colors of the heroic cruiser U. S. S. Oakland will be presented by Rear Admiral William M. Callaghan to the City of Oakland through Mayor Herbert Beach and city officials.

ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR STATION:

Open to the public tomorrow between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

In addition to the public inspection of shops, hangars and other ground installations, giant Mars flying boats will be open to view and the public will be welcomed aboard the carriers Antietam and Niagara.

More than 10,000 souvenir ash trays, made by men in the air station's shops, will be distributed to visitors. Four Alameda High School boys will serve as honorary administrators of the station during the day.

They are Joseph F. Borges, St. Joseph's School, who will act as honorary commander of the base; Don Weeden, president of the Alameda High School student body; supply and accounting officer; James Lennox, board of control secretary at Alameda High, assembly and repair officer, and mine layer Robert Smith, the destroyer Colahan, the destroyer escort George A. Johnson, the destroyer mine sweeper McCook, the mine craft Vigilance and the cruiser mine craft Terror.

Open to the public tomorrow 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friends of patients may attend memorial services on Sunday morning.

OAKLAND NAVAL HOSPITAL, Oak Knoll:

Open to the public tomorrow 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friends of patients may attend memorial services on Sunday morning.

All departments of the hospital will be open Saturday and Sunday for entertainment, including movies detailing the Navy's medical department at work, will highlight the afternoon.

A demonstration and exhibit of finger painting by Marine Pfc. Charles Boone, amputee patient of 153 Fairmont avenue, Oakland, will be held in the Red Cross craft shop.

TREASURE ISLAND NAVAL STATION:

Open to the public from 10:15 a. m. to 3 p. m. tomorrow for the first time since the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1940.

Open will be the island's electronic material school and its extensive laboratories and shops. A spectacular demonstration of shipboard fire-fighting tactics is scheduled and a fleet of 12 small craft will carry sightseers around Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands continuously during visiting hours.

No automobiles other than those already having station vehicle permits will be permitted on the island. Visitors, the Navy said, should go to the island via Key System bridge trains. Buses will meet trains to transport visitors to the island proper.

In addition to open house on the sprawling island grounds, visitors will be welcomed aboard the destroyer Colahan, the destroyer escort George A. Johnson, the destroyer mine sweeper McCook, the mine craft Vigilance and the cruiser mine craft Terror.

YERBA BUENA ISLAND NAVAL STATION:

Open from 10:15 a. m. to 3 p. m. tomorrow. Public welcome to in-

spend the mine craft Compellant and Devastator.

Oakland Naval Reserve: Open house both tomorrow and Sunday from 1:30 to 4 p. m. aboard the Oakland's unit training vessel the U. S. S. Shields, moored at the foot of Fifth avenue.

Oakland Naval Reserve Air Base, Oakland Airport:

Open house Sunday from noon until 5 p. m. Display of aircraft, ordnance, parachutes and survival gear. Eight adults will be awarded free rides in Navy aircraft during the afternoon.

Landing Force Equipment Depot, Albany:

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NAVY PLANES TO

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Tomorrow two Naval vessels will scatter thousands of blossoms on the waters of the Pacific just outside the Golden Gate in tribute to the heroes who gave up their lives in the nation's service.

As a citizen of a free America you should know more of this great arm of defense which protects you from the aggressor. This is your opportunity. One of the solemn ceremonies of tomorrow's program will be the presentation at 2 o'clock of the battle colors of the heroic cruiser U. S. S. Oakland to the city. Naval installations will be open to public inspection today in the entire Bay Area.

Navy Day is a day of memory. It is a reminder of the country's fight for independence, of John Paul Jones and his "I've just begun to fight" when the British commander called on him to surrender. It recalls James Lawrence's words as he lay dying, "Don't give up the ship!" and the triumphant message of Perry, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Navy Day summons up many old memories, of "the Yankee cheesebox on a raft" that revolutionized warship construction, of Dewey at Manila and his calm, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley!" and Farragut's rough command, "Damn the torpedoes! Go ahead!"

Navy Day is a day of hope, a time to look forward to a world of peace and happiness where the great planes and battlewagons will be ambassadors of good will rather than harbingers of war.

America seeks peace, a just peace for all. Her liberties have been won because she was willing to fight for them. They must be protected from those who would assail them; they must be guarded by a Navy adequate to their defense.

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The programs here, as well as in San Francisco, Vallejo and throughout the Nation, are scheduled for Saturday, although Navy Day is officially next Sunday, October 27.

Two hundred planes will take to the air from the Alameda Naval Air Station. The Navy announced these planes will fly in aerial parade over Oakland area skies throughout the entire day.

NAVAL SECRETS

Thousands of visitors are expected at open houses during the day at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Oakland Naval Air Base, and at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Among the displays open to public view for the first time will be former closely guarded naval secrets which contributed to the winning of the war.

Another part of the observance will be an "open house" at the Oakland Naval Hospital where guests will be shown all the techniques utilized in the medical treatment of the Navy's sick and wounded.

The proud colors of the USS Cruiser Oakland, which flew from her truck during her gallant war career will be officially presented to the city as an official part of the observance.

The flag's presentation will be made by Rear Admiral William M. Callaghan, one of Oakland's top-most naval heroes, to Mayor Herbert L. Beach at the open house at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot.

HONORARY COMMANDS

Four high school boys from Alameda will take over honorary command of key posts at the Alameda Naval Air Station in the open house scheduled there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Named honorary commander of the station is Joseph F. Borges of St. Joseph's High School. Aiding him in the honorary administration of the base will be Don Weeden, president of the Alameda High School students body, supply and accounting officer, Jim Lemos, secretary of the Men's Board of Control at Alameda High School, assembly and repair officer, and Sheldon B. Spangler, also of Alameda High School, honorary commanding officer of the Essex class carrier USS Antietam.

One carrier at the base will be open for public inspection as will one of the Mars flying boats and the huge assembly and repair shops. A feature attraction scheduled among the events is the exhibition of the Japanese Baka bomb, which is a one-way ticket to destruction for its pilot.

GEAR DEMONSTRATED

Land and sea rescue gear as well as radio and communications equipment will be demonstrated by Navy teams.

Free plane rides will be given to eight lucky adult visitors by Navy Reservists during open house ceremonies at the Naval Air Station at Oakland Airport where many of the displays seen by visitors to the Air Show are remaining on exhibit.

The Navy announced that 115 ships of the Pacific Fleet will visit 28 ports on the West Coast and Honolulu for the Navy Day programs.

In addition to the carrier at the Alameda Naval Air Station, the Oakland Naval Supply Depot will be host to visitors regarding the Destroyer Perkins, the Submarine Cuck, seven destroyers will be open to visitors in San Francisco.

RICHMOND CEREMONIES

Richmond will take part in the ceremonies, too, and visitors there may board a corvette and the destroyer H. W. Tucker at the Parr-Richmond Terminal No. 3. Three cruisers and eight destroyers will be at Mare Island and a submarine at Vallejo.

At the Oakland Naval Supply Depot—the world's largest—gates will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the first time since the base was established.

In addition to the combat ships open for inspection, there will be

free boat rides around the Bay for some of the guests. Amphibious equipment, medical supplies, walkie-talkies and wire recorders will be among the items demonstrated.

Visitors may also view the depot's large coffee roasting plant in operation and will be given an insight into the operation of radar, the latest first fighting equipment and captured Japanese arms.

PROCESS OUTLINED

The step by step process by which the depot supplied better than 85 per cent of all the naval aviation supplies for the Pacific area of operations will be outlined.

The small amphibious craft in storage at the Navy Landing Force Equipment Depot in Albany will be inspected by the public between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Navy men on duty there will explain the employment and characteristics of each type of boat.

All Army-Navy "E" pennant winners have been requested to fly their award flags beginning tomorrow in honor of Navy Day and continuing through Sunday. The Navy pointed out that 112 Bay area plants won the awards for their production records during the war.

Naval Reservists, proud of their ship the destroyer Shields, will open the vessel to public inspection from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The destroyer is berthed at the foot of Fifth Avenue to assist Oakland Naval Reserve Units in their training programs.

RESERVE PROGRAM

Comdr. Fred D. Kellogg said the vessel and the Naval Reserve Armory at 674 23rd Street are being shown in connection with the Navy Day celebration so that interested persons may become acquainted with the Naval Reserve training programs.

During the program at the Naval Hospital here, Pfc. Charles F. Boone, USMCR, a wounded veteran, will illustrate the wonders an artist can make with a pot of cooked cornstarch, a pinch of paint, a ball of water and a sponge.

His success as a finger painter was demonstrated once before when he appeared before the American Medical Association convention in San Francisco. He learned the technique of the art at Mare Island, where he was hospitalized after he was hit by a mortar shell on Iwo Jima. Boone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boone of 453 Fairmont Avenue.



An "unofficial" presentation of the cruiser Oakland's colors was made to Mayor Herbert L. Beach by Audrey West, 1c, USN, preceding the official program to be held at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot October 26, when Rear Admiral W. J. Callaghan will officially give the flag to the city. It commemorates the cruiser's gallant war history.—Tribune photo.

Open House at Bases, on Ships

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Destroyer H. W. Tucker—
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Invitation To USN Open House



BAY AREA GIRLS BID YOU TO OAKLAND DEPOT

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Poe, Virginia Blankenship, Eleanor Schmidt, Alma Ziehn, Alma Culbertson, Betty Ross, Hazel Smith, Madeline Carlevaro and Barbara Mann. Seated is Dorothy Coates.

—Official U. S. Navy Photo.

Destroyer to Scatter Flowers for Navy Day

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A program of continuous entertainment Saturday will include movies in the ship's service auditorium telling the story of the Navy medical department;

music in the chapel by a former WAVE, Miss Jane Evans, and a demonstration of finger painting in the Red Cross Craft Shop by a patient, Charles Boone.

Memorial services in honor of the Navy's war casualties will be held Sunday aboard the destroyer USS Thomason, scheduled to leave Pier 33 south at 10 a. m., accompanied by a submarine, the USS Caiman. Aboard the Thom-

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The shipboard services will be conducted by Chaplains Razzie W. Truitt, Thomas J. Odum and Alfred J. Barnston. A choir of ten WAVES will sing the Navy hymn and music for the service will be provided by a USO choir from the Apostleship of the Sea USC.

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For the 22nd year the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will entertain wounded war veterans in Alameda County hospitals during the holiday season. Representatives on the committee, already at work, include (left to right) Lou Harrison, Lieut. Louise Dowlen of Oakland Naval Hospital; H. Buford Fisher, and (back) Elmer P. Zollner.—Tribune photo.

B'nai B'rith Sends Gifts To Vets

DESPITE PEACE and reconversion the war service committee of San Francisco Lodge No. 21 B'nai B'rith will complete its sixth year of work this week. Now known as the Post-War Service and Americanism committee, under the direction of Mayer Licht, chairman, it plans to continue through 1947 its year-round program of aid to servicemen and veterans.

Following a long time practice, more than 1,000 Christmas gift packages will be distributed to hospitalized servicemen and women by the committee on Christmas Day. Hospitals to be visited include: Letterman, Mare Island Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Treasure Island Naval Hospital and Fort Miley Veterans' Hospital.

Later in the week the committee will deliver to various bay area hospitals such needed articles as electric phonographs, a book mobile, a ceiling projector, books and musical instruments. On the day after Christmas the committee will also stage an entertainment at Letterman Hospital.

CHRISTMAS EVE is going to be much too busy for the veteran patients at Fort Miley VA Hospital to have any time for homesick thoughts. In the afternoon the ladies of the Eighth District, American Legion Auxiliary, will hold a party there with entertainment for the patients ranging from variety acts and Christmas carols to a card party with refreshments. Mrs. Sue Costello, district rehabilitation chairman is in charge.

In the evening wives of officers and leaders of the auxiliary to San Francisco Aerie, No. 5, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will be patronesses for the annual good cheer pilgrimage to Fort Miley Hospital. Entertainers will accompany the officials and their wives, presenting a program for the veterans. Gifts will also be distributed. Co-chairmen are John F. McGowan and Ralph J. McGill.

mediately following Pearl Harbor. Future plans call for a continuance of the policy of making certain that every patient at the three military hospitals in Alameda county is cared for at Christmas time with gifts, decorations and entertainment.

Gay Day Pledged 3500 Wounded

Christmas, a day when people of all ages become children again to regain, for a time, all the joyousness and warm fellowship our greatest spiritual holiday implies, will dawn a little brighter tomorrow for the 3500 wounded ex-servicemen in Alameda County veterans hospitals.

It will be a "Christmas at home, away from home," and not just another day in the hospital routine. It will be a day of festivity in settings carrying out the traditional Yule theme, and not another 24 hours within bare, white walls.

The smell of spruce and evergreen trees mingled with the fragrance of green pine boughs and the aroma of peppermint candy will replace the nauseous odor of medicines.

PEACE ON EARTH

And Santa Claus with his effervescent cheerfulness will ease the cares and worries of men striving to regain their health and instill in them the realization that "peace on earth, goodwill toward men," has not been forgotten.

The day-long activities are the wind-up of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee's "Operation Yuletide"—the 22nd annual Christmas fete staged by the Committee since its organization in 1924 and financed by the contributions of groups, organizations and individuals throughout Northern California.

Since its organization 22 years ago by a small group of civic minded citizens, the committee's basic purpose has been to bring Yuletide cheer and happiness into the hearts of wounded veterans away from their homes.

BUDGET ESTIMATED

Activities of the organization got under way this year during the summer months, when new officers were elected and preliminary plans made for bringing Christmas into the hospitals. Surveys were made to determine the number of patients in the Veterans Hospital, Oakland; the Veterans Hospital, Livermore; and Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, and a budget estimated.

Two months ago, contributions began to roll in from hundreds of groups and individuals representing every activity in Northern California, but today, with Christmas only a matter of hours away, some \$2500 of the \$25,000 goal is lacking.

The three hospitals were decorated December 15 by 300 committee volunteers using thousands of ornaments, lights, wreaths and 500 trees.

VAUDEVILLE ACTS

Open houses will be held in the hospitals tonight at which there will be orchestras, vaudeville acts and refreshments. Strolling entertainment groups will provide a morale lift for patients unable to leave their beds.

There is still time to take part in this community effort to bring Yuletide happiness to county veterans hospitals. Send a contribution today to the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, Veterans Memorial Building, Oakland, or deposit it at the committee contributions booth in the Central Bank, 14th Street and Broadway.

Last minute contributors who helped to swell the fund above the \$22,500 mark included the following:

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Gray Ladies Plan Event for Hospital

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Other Yuletide events will be held at Veterans' Administration Hospitals in Oakland and Livermore.

Mrs. Dudley Frost, Oak Knoll Gray Lady chairman, reported that members from Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda chapters and their husbands have set Dec. 24 aside to make the rounds of the naval hospital's 20 wards.

They will serve refreshments of fruit, nuts and cookies and sing Christmas carols while visiting with patients.

At the Oakland Veterans' Administration Hospital, the Canteen Corps is preparing to serve about 250 patients during a 2 to 4 p. m. open house on Dec. 24 also. Mrs. Jessica Moore will present an organ recital.

At the Livermore Veterans' Administration Hospital, the Canteen Corps will also give a Christmas party for 50 patients on Dec. 27. Cake and hot chocolate will be served.

GIFTS FOR VETS BARRELS READY

The American Legion's "Gifts For a Yank Who Gave" Christmas program opened here yesterday with the placement of package deposit barrels in local fire stations and department stores.

The solicitation drive for gifts will continue until Monday. On Tuesday, Army trucks from Hamilton Field will collect the barrels and deliver them to the War Memorial Building.

On Christmas Day, the presents will be delivered to the bedside of wounded veterans, including Merchant Marine victims in the various Bay Area hospitals.

Gifts most needed include writing paper, tobacco, cigarette cases and lighters, toilet articles, candy, pajamas, slippers and sweaters.

Hospitals Christmas Committee Meets

First meeting of the Veterans Hospitals Christmas Committee was held in Oakland last Friday night to start plans for holiday celebrations at the Livermore Veterans Hospital, Oakland army hospital and Oak Knoll navy hospital.

Only committee of its kind in the country, according to all records, and comprising more than 2500 organizations and individuals throughout northern California, the committee last year entertained 11,321 patients in five military hospitals in Alameda county.

Voluntary contributions for the biggest job in the committee's history totaled \$41,358. Volunteers made 30,000 Christmas tree ornaments for 464 trees, manufactured 1661 wreaths, strung more than 21,825 feet of redwood garlands, 581 bundles of pine sprays and cones, 10,000 feet of lights, 5646 feet of satin ribbon, 4903 bells and many other ornamental items.

In continuous operation for more than 20 years, and originally organized to care for World War I veterans at the Livermore hospital, the committee expanded its activities im-

FEASTING in SPORTS

with BILL FEIST

Fairway Notes... 1377
PGA Aids Vets...

A LITTLE OF THIS, a dash of that along the fairways....

Members of the Northern California Professional Golfers' Association have intentions of launching a campaign after the holidays for a cause worth considerable mention.... It seems the "links professors" will make every endeavor to raise some \$3000 for installation of a three-hole course and a putting green at the Livermore Naval Hospital.... And from the manner in which the boys discussed their plans the other evening at the SJCC they'll raise every "red cent" needed.... This is not the first such endeavor undertaken by these men.... Several years ago President **EDDIE DUINO'S** PGA clan contributed "three grand" for a driving range for recuperating veterans at the Oak Knoll General Hospital.... They already have the funds to build a pitch and putt course at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital as part of the rehabilitation movements.... The latter project is worth some \$1300, or more.... If you read both the morning and evening papers Wednesday you would have noticed that Mr. Duino stated he would not be president of the pros for the eighth time.... When the first foursomes were teeing off at the SJCC many of his fellow golfers were willing to bet that before midnight, Eddie (Call me FDR) Duino would again be their prexy.... At 7 o'clock that night, Mrs. Duino's golfing son had been nominated and elected.... This crack was passed by **CASEY GREENMAN**, veteran Hillview golfer, during the Bothwell Cup dinner following the win by the Country Club over the public linksters.... Someone at the table was telling how a certain golfer had dropped a 200-yard brassie shot into the cup for an eagle.... Greenman piped up with "Anyone who can sink a brassie shot is a good putter for my money.".... Someone asked the other day just why golf rates so much newspaper publicity.... During 1946 there were 28 tournaments at Rinconada, Hillview and the eastern foothills layout.... These tourneys average at least 100 players per event.... Thus at the minimum 2800 golfers took part in these tournaments for prizes which would cost in the neighborhood of \$7500.... Approximate figures available show that golf is the second sport in America for the number of competitors.... Bowling heads the list with 15,000,000 performers.... The old Scottish sport, of which we have been writing so much, has 4,000,000.... And if this number is interested in actually playing you can triple the number when you figure that their relatives are concerned about their final scores....

Foreign Stamps on Yule Parcels Valuable to Vets

By ZERELDA OWSLEY

Don't throw that foreign stamp away!

Berkeleyans through the present holiday season are receiving hundreds of pieces of mail bearing stamps which could serve a wholesome purpose—if Berkeleyans will take the trouble to see that the stamps get to the local headquarters of "Stamps for the Wounded."

The information is first hand. It came today from H. A. Dobson, member of the Berkeley Philatelic Society and a sorter in the Berkeley Post Office. Dobson declared that he handled innumerable envelopes and packages on which foreign stamps from almost every postoffice in the world were pasted.

"If Berkeley people who do not collect stamps themselves would tear off the corner on which these stamps are pasted and see that they reach me or members of the 'Stamps for the Wounded' or the Berkeley office of the American Red Cross," Dobson said, "wounded service men in Oakland and Oak Knoll Hospital would benefit immediately."

HEALING VALUE

Dobson said the value of the stamps to bedridden men cannot be estimated. He is a collector himself and has spent long months in hospitals. He has visited the hospitals here and in San Francisco and witnessed the healing value, both mental and physical, of stamp collecting.

As examples he cited two cases of his own knowledge. A soldier in Letterman Hospital in San Francisco suffered such severe hand burns that he was unable to move his fingers. "Just fooling" with his stamp collection, placing the little colored papers from all parts of the world in his book eventually loosened the muscles until, when he left the hospital, his hands were "usable."

WILL CALL

"While the fact that this serviceman was physically improved is reward enough," Dobson said, "the mental stimulation of interest is as great. I have seen men, shell-shocked or discouraged and apathetic gradually drawn into keen interest in life by the stamp collection books of their buddies in hospital wards."

Dobson, a victim of polio him-

self, is familiar with hospital tedium and knows its antidotes. He will call personally for stamps if, for any reason, stamp owners are unable to forward them to an officer of the "Stamps for the Wounded."

He cautioned against attempting to remove the stamps from their envelopes or wrappings. "Even a slightly torn stamp is worthless to the collector," he said. "Patrons should tear the entire corner off and send it to us and let us remove the stamp professionally."

UNLIMITED NUMBER

Stamps do not need to be rare to be valuable to stamp collectors, he added. Many servicemen are completing collections of foreign stamps and the stamp group cannot receive too many duplications to supply the need in veteran hospitals.

The "Stamps for the Wounded" in Berkeley is part of a national organization and is sponsored by the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans. It is non-profit and the group assures donors that every stamp contributed will go to a wounded veteran's collection.

Stamps may be sent to Dobson, c/o Berkeley Post Office, Box No. 145, or to Henry Hussey, 2210 Eunice St., president of the group, or to the Berkeley chapter of the Red Cross at 2116 Allston Way.

15 Days Remain to Contribute To Veterans Hospital Yule Fund

Just 15 days remain until Christmas and just 15 days are left to contribute to the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee—the Santa Claus which insures a Christmas day of Yuletide decorations, brilliantly lighted trees and their own gifts to wounded ex-servicemen in Alameda County veterans hospitals.

But besides the concrete evidences of a "Christmas at home," these veterans will see when they awaken on December 25, they will have proof that they haven't been forgotten.

It is this realization which can aid their recovery more than any amount of treatment or medical skill. Happiness on traditional holidays, especially Christmas, has been proved to be of inestimable value in keeping the proper state of mind necessary to speedy recovery.

OUTSTANDING EVENT

For those veterans for whom complete recovery is impossible and who are destined to spend the rest of their lives within hospital confines, such remembrance is an outstanding event in an otherwise routine existence.

The Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee recognized the need for a co-ordinated effort to provide Yuletide cheer to veteran patients long ago. It was organized in 1924 by a few public-spirited citizens

Have you contributed to a wounded veteran's happiness on Christmas? If not, just two weeks remain for you to contribute to the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, the official central group which provides Yuletide decorations, entertainment and gifts to wounded ex-servicemen in Alameda County veterans hospitals. Send your donation today to the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, Veterans Memorial Building, Oakland.

to insure World War I veterans at the Livermore Veterans Hospital at least a touch of a "Christmas at home."

Carried on since that time by public-spirited and civic-minded citizens and supported by the contributions of Northern California organizations, groups and individuals, the committee has at all times been non-political, non-profit and non-sectarian. Each Christmas it has provided ward decorations and trees, sent entertainment groups throughout the hospitals during Christmas week and purchased personalized gifts for each hospitalized veteran in Alameda County.

WAR SERVICE

During the war all military hospitals in the county were placed on the committee's Christmas list. Last year, over 11,000 veteran patients enjoyed the fruits of the committee's efforts, even though 2000 of those patients arrived in the area on December 22.

This year 3500 patients in the Veterans Hospital, Oakland, the Veterans Hospital, Livermore, and the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, are on the committee's Christmas list. They have already made known their preferences for gifts and most of these presents have been purchased. Entertainment has been arranged and various groups will tour the wards throughout Christmas week. Thousands of decorations, wreaths and trees will be put in place on December 15 to provide a proper setting for St. Nick's visit Christmas morning.

Over \$15,000 has already been donated, but additional contributions are urgently needed to attain the 1946 budget of \$25,000. Individual donations have ranged from 50 cents to \$500, but all have come with the underlying motive of remembering the veterans.

You're Sure to Find Something You Will Like at the Fuller Gallery

By HELEN CLEMENT

A jolly old snow man, gaily waving his arms, beckoned me into the Fuller Galleries at 614 Grand Avenue the other evening.

The gallery is filled with all kinds of art. Nearly everyone should be able to find something that he or she could like.

To start with, there are the paintings by Rinaldo Cunco of San Francisco and California, and to the other extreme we find George Harris, the acme of the abstract, especially fine in his "Duet," beautiful in color and space division. Martin Metal is represented with a few of his "photograms," which are interesting abstract groupings of everyday objects, such as matches, radio dials, cogwheels. The results are sometimes quite startling.

Very interesting were some finger paintings (mostly undersea studies) by Charles Boone, a Navy man who is convalescing at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. He works from his wheel chair. The nurses keep him supplied with the right ingredients, and he goes on from there. What's more interesting to know and we're sure gratifying to Mr. Boone, he's been swamped with orders. When you see the studies you'll understand why.

Also showing is an old friend of the Fuller Gallery, Theodore Polos, who is exhibiting some very swell studies, especially his "Spring Landscape," "Green Tiger" and "Forrest."

This summer a young Chinese water colorist was discovered at the Marin Art and Garden Show. His

name is Yip, and he's going to have a show at the Fuller Galleries, starting about January 7. If I'm not mistaken you'll be very interested in his work, it's brilliantly executed very fresh and beautiful.

If you're interested in ceramics be sure and ask Mr. Fuller to show you his clowns—you'll love them.

Happy New Year to you all, and may I find many new names listed as exhibitors in the coming year.

KEITH MEMORIAL

St. Mary's Keith Memorial Association and the Keith Art Association through both of these associations have the same general aim, i.e., to promote the study of Keith's Art and other art of the best, yet in property, management, finances and special projects they are entirely separate and independent. In their first relations they were united. Brother Cornelius was one of the small group that founded the Keith Art Association. In doing so he acted as head of the St. Mary's Keith Associates but on the expressed condition that St. Mary's would not be involved financially. Unforeseen developments soon made this impossible and therefore Brother Cornelius canceled all the Keith Art Association memberships which he had created for his St. Mary's Keith Associates and thus he freed both them and the college from being involved financially without their consent. Revised certificates are being sent to replace those previously sent.

The special aim of the Keith Art Association is the very noble one of realizing a public Keith Gallery in which the best portion of the hundred or so magnificent masterpieces owned by Mrs. Mary Kennedy Keith, are destined. They may be viewed by the KAA members and their friends on the first Sunday of every month between 3 and 5 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Keith, 2701 Ridge Road, Berkeley, which is also the headquarters of the KAA.

GROUP SHOW

The de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park announces a group showing of five American artists: Milton Avery, Marsden Hartley, Karl Knaths, Abraham Rattner, Max Weber. This excellent exhibition of well-known painters will remain at the de Young Museum through December.

Karl Knaths, since 1923, has been included in the group connected with the Daniel Gallery—the pioneers in presenting the modern movement in America—and it was there that he held his first one-man show in 1930. He has been represented in all major exhibitions throughout the country since. The Phillips Memorial Gallery in Washington has held annual exhibitions of his work for the past 15 years, and the Art Institute of Chicago and the Baltimore Museum of Art have also held one-man shows of his paintings. Karl Knaths' work is represented in many of the well-known American collections as well as in numerous galleries and museums.

Doc Stork Aids Santa

Brings 40 Babies To Parents Here

Santa Claus brought the gift of new babies to 40 pairs of Metropolitan Oakland parents on Christmas Day.

Highly pleased over the new arrivals were the parents, but the babies are likely to see little advantage in the situation when they become a bit older and find they have lost out on a separate set of birthday presents by being born on Christmas Day.

Among the new arrivals is an 8-pound boy born to John and Shirley Beeby of 1517 Gilman drive, San Leandro, at East Oakland Hospital. Mrs. Beeby is a British war bride.

East Oakland and Permanente Hospitals tied for Christmas honors with seven yule babies born in each. The stork subbed for Santa Claus in six cases at Richmond Hospital, three each at Peralta, Providence, Merritt, Alta Bates and Oak Knoll Naval Hospitals, two each at Albany and Berkeley Hospitals and once at Highland-Alameda County Hospital.

Christmas gifts of "bundles from heaven" arrived for the following:

At Alta Bates Hospital—Max and Gladys Williams, 940 Gill court, Albany, a girl; LeRoy and Katherine M. Birch, 488 McAuley street, Oakland, a girl; Dr. C. M. and Enid Weseman, 51 El Camino Real, Berkeley, a girl.

At Highland-Alameda County Hospital—Melvin and Esther Bodkin, 1714 1/2 Alameda avenue, Alameda, a girl.

At Merritt Hospital—Harry and Elsie Kuzmesky, 2522 Hillegas avenue, Berkeley, a boy; Norbert and Muriel Pelper, 10815 Julia street, Oakland, a girl; Mrs. Juanita Wilson, 609 Santa Rosa avenue, Oakland, a girl.

At Berkeley Hospital—Clarence and Elvester Brown, 1214-B Fifth street, Berkeley, a girl; Kenneth and Virginia Tucker, 4125 Day street, Richmond, a boy.

At Permanente Hospital—Mrs. Ethel Alexander, 1009-F Gilman street, Berkeley, a girl; Mrs. Asta Rasmussen, 2626 Eastman avenue, Oakland, a boy; Mrs. Virginia Jackson, 5993 Jennings avenue, Richmond, a boy; Mrs. Bernice Miller, 870-C Stalker way, Alameda, a girl; Mrs. Barbara Pellegri, 4526 Merrill avenue, Oakland, a girl; Mrs. Ethel Calloway, 1731-A Moorship avenue, Oakland, a boy; Mrs. Betty Vander Pauwert, 2670 Fruitvale avenue, Oakland, a girl.

At Providence Hospital—James H. and Pearl Jones, 511 Brush street, Oakland, a boy; Donald and Lucille Davis, 2327 64th avenue, Oakland, a girl; Hugh Arthur and Marjorie Hynds, 354 South Second street, Richmond, a girl.

At Peralta Hospital—Earl and Cecelia Tallman, 2258 East 17th street, Oakland, a boy; Leo and Margaret Haase, 670 Hillsdale avenue, Berkeley, a boy; James and Patricia Desmond, 2045 Berla street, San Francisco, a boy.

At East Oakland Hospital—Edwin and Violet Gray, 1443 Sixth avenue, Oakland, a boy; Henry and Myra McCracken, 9824 Olive a girl.

More Rehabilitation By Local PGA Group

By NELSON CULLENWARD

Northern California's PGA, although the war is over, is still working on its rehabilitation program for wounded veterans. Right now the group is in the midst of two projects, having already provided golf facilities at Oak Knoll Hospital.

Although full funds haven't been collected as yet, the PGA, through President Eddie Duino, just the other day elected for his eighth consecutive term, is working for Palo Alto and Livermore veterans' hospitals.

"We are planning a nine-hole pitch and putt course at Palo Alto and hope to put in three holes and a putting green at Livermore," announced Duino.

The professionals of this section also are extending a helping hand to one of their brethren, Pat Markovich, whose \$10,000 Richmond open will give northern Californians their chance to see the nation's top pros in an open tournament this winter.

On the Saturday and Sunday between Christmas and New Year's the professionals will

hold sweepstakes events at the various golf clubs with winners getting sponsor tickets for the Richmond open.

Incidentally, the sponsorship of the Richmond event this year will be open to golf enthusiasts throughout the bay area and northern California, according to Markovich.

Seven to One Shot Bud Drucker shot a 77-6-71 yesterday over Lake Merced's lightning fast greens to win the "big race" in the Plumbing and Heating Club's annual "horse race" golf tournament.

Drucker fired four consecutive birdies to nose out Dale Goodart, ex-city and ex-Plumbing and Heating champion who carded 77-5-72, and return eight bucks on each pari-mutuel ticket bought on his chances of winning the event.

Santa Visits The Wounded

It wasn't an eloquent thanks. It wasn't even an expressed thanks.

It was the look of suppressed amazement on the face of the young gunner's mate from Iowa who'd had a leg blown off when his landing craft was hit at Iwo. He found a blue wool robe in his package.

It was the "Who'd think they would remember me" look on the wrinkled, care-worn face of the World War I veteran as he examined the fountain pen in the box with his name on it.

It was just the general air of pleasure and wonderment throughout the wards that expressed the thanks of wounded ex-servicemen in Alameda County veterans hospitals this morning—thanks to the hundreds of individuals and organizations who'd remembered that they wouldn't be home to enjoy Christmas and had done their part to see that a "Christmas at home" was brought to them.

AMPLE REWARD

These veterans' thanks went also to the members of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee through which the interested citizens and groups had expressed their "Merry Christmas" to the wounded patients.

And that simple, unsaid thanks was all the committee desired for its long months of work and effort to bring a family Christmas to the county's veterans hospitals. It was ample reward for hours spent on the decorating of hospitals and the purchasing and wrapping of individual gifts.

The entire committee's feeling: were best expressed by one member who said "just to see these guys enjoy themselves and forget for awhile their troubles is the best feeling I've had in a long time."

CHEERFUL SCENE

Santa Claus' visits to the Veterans Hospital, Oakland, and the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital this morning—he visited the Veterans Hospital Livermore, last Friday—was the climax of the Christmas Committee's program and strolling carol groups and orchestras in the mess halls at today's mid-day meal will spell finish to this year's program of Yuletide happiness.

Committee decorators put the patients in the holiday frame of mind on December 15 when some 300 volunteers swarmed over the three hospitals with wreaths, lights, decorations, garlands and trees. Hospital wards, corridors and visiting rooms were transformed during the day into scenes even St. Nick's helpers couldn't duplicate.

Open houses last night, which were highlighted by orchestras, vaudeville acts and refreshments, set the stage for Santa Claus' visit early this morning.

Fund Promises Navy Patients Gay Christmas

"Because of the untiring effort of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee, Oak Knoll patients are again looking forward with pleasure to a Christmas celebration that will be the best possible substitute for a home-with-the-family holiday."

This was the commendation today of Captain A. H. Dearing, commanding officer of the big naval hospital in East Oakland, as Christmas Committee volunteers made prepa-

ration for the Yule activities, he said. By the end of 1943, overseas casualties had boosted the roster to 3419 and on Christmas, 1944, 5502 were "on board." It was the largest group ever present at Oak Knoll for the ward parties, tree-decorating contests and variety shows staged by the Christmas Committee. At the close of 1945, patients were speedily being transferred from the Oakland establishment to hospitals near their homes, but 3301 servicemen and women and liberated prisoners of war were on hand when the committee's Santa Claus called on December 25.

Of the 1750 beds now available at Oak Knoll, over 400 are occupied by veteran patients, some with service records dating back to the Spanish-American War. Having heard accounts of the merry Christmas provided by Christmas Committee workers in past years, new arrivals at the hospital are looking forward eagerly to the Yule week.

"You can't imagine what the touch of home provided by the committee with its decorations and gifts means to these patients," Dearing said. "They resign themselves to a lonely holiday in the hospital and when they find out that there will be presents and decorated wards—well, it's just something you have to see to really appreciate. We of the medical world can't thank morale-boosting organizations such as the Christmas Committee enough."

Established on July 1, 1942, as a 500-bed institution, the hospital had mushroomed by Christmas of that year, he said, and 1000 patients were present for the com-

Working with the committee on the 1946 Yule preparations are Capt. H. E. Robins, the hospital executive officer; Lieut. Louise E. Dowling, public information offi-

cer; Ens. Charles T. Taylor, welfare and recreation officer, and Clarence E. Willard, Veterans Administration contact representative.



W. J. Walton, World War II veteran at the Oakland Naval Hospital, received a camera from St. Nick, then got the old gent to pose for him so he could try out his gift.



Wallace King was among gift recipients at the Oakland Naval Hospital. He is a World War II veteran. The gift presentations marked Veterans Hospitals' Committee programs.



St. Nick visited Homer Landfried, World War I veteran at the Oakland Naval Hospital, as he was getting a shoe shine.

'Operation Yule' Nears Climax

The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee's "Operation Yuletide" moved into high gear this week after getting underway Sunday by decorating three Alameda County veteran hospitals in traditional Yule style.

More than 300 committee volunteers, aided by patients in the three hospitals, did a complete "face lifting" job on wards, corridors and visiting rooms, making it very apparent that St. Nick's visit is just a few days away.

With the Veterans Hospital, Oakland; Veterans Hospital, Livermore, and Oak Knoll Naval Hospital decorated, committee members turned their attention to the wrapping of the remaining presents for each of the 3500 patients in the hospitals.

IN FINAL WEEK

Contributions stood at the \$18,500 mark today as the drive went into its final week, but two benefit sporting events during the next five days were expected to lift the total appreciably. A percentage of the gate at the Earl Turner-Charlie Cato 10-round main event in the Oakland Auditorium ring tomorrow night will go to aid the "Christmas at home" for wounded ex-servicemen. Friday night, a portion of the gate receipts of the weekly wrestling matches will be turned over to the committee.

Santa Claus will put in his first appearance in the Oakland area Friday when he makes a pre-Christmas trip to the Livermore hospital to distribute gifts. The early visit was made necessary because of increased deliveries this year, but St. Nick has promised the Livermore veterans that he'll be back early Christmas morning with a full bag of novelty presents.

HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE

Next Tuesday night will be Santa's open house at the Oakland veterans' hospital and the big East Oakland naval hospital. An orchestra, vaudeville acts and refreshments will occupy the attention of the ambulatory patients while other entertainment groups will tour the wards for the benefit of those who cannot leave their beds. Santa puts in his appearance at the two Oakland hospitals at the traditional time and he will be accompanied by musicians and vocalists to lend a little more of the Yule atmosphere with Christmas carols.

Patients in the three hospitals will eat Christmas dinners in musical surroundings, provided by orchestras playing in every mess hall and dining room in each of the hospitals.

FOR 22 YEARS

When the last ornament has been stored away and the last wreath taken down sometime after New Year's Day, the 22nd consecutive "Operation Yuletide" will have been completed by the Christmas Committee. Every year since 1924 the committee has provided decorations, entertainment and gifts for wounded veterans in Alameda County, through the contributions of individuals, groups and organizations in Northern California.

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Carols Return to Union Sq. Tonight

As San Franciscans gather in Union Square this evening to hear

John Charles Thomas sing the traditional carols at the city's Christmas Eve Party, many oldtimers will recall another Christmas Eve in 1910. On that date Louisa Tetrazzini, the opera star of her day, sang the great songs of Christmas to a spellbound audience near Lotta's Fountain at Market and Kearny-sts.

A SINGER'S GIFT

It was the great singer's Christmas gift to the city which had first welcomed her to America. And San Francisco loved it.

"The converging streets were black with people and the windows of nearby buildings were all filled," one writer relates. "Those who heard her said her silver voice seemed to rise to the stars through the still night and the utter silence of the great crowd in the dark streets was curiously thrilling."

Typical of the city and the times was the fact Tetrazzini's Christmas Eve concert was held at the ornate, somewhat gaudy fountain donated to San Francisco by Lotta Crabtree, stage darling of the bustle days.

Tonight's program, sponsored by the Downtown Association, represents a revival of San Francisco's historic Christmas Eve celebration under the stars. In addition to carols by Mr. Thomas and chorus, the municipal band is to be heard in Christmas numbers.

The municipal band will give a 3:30 p. m. and Mr. Thomas will sing from 4:45 to 5:15. The square's fo-

Christmas trees will be lighted at 6 p. m.

Outdoor trees at the entrance to Golden Gate Park and at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children were lighted last night.

The program will be climaxed with a "Lighting of the Trees" ceremony.

Other Christmas programs and events have been planned for tonight and tomorrow by fraternal, veterans and civic groups.

GIFTS FOR HOSPITALS

In substitution of its annual Christmas Tree Party, the Fraternal Orders of Eagles, Aerie No. 5, will

visit patients at Fort Miley Hospital with gifts and entertainment.

More than a thousand gifts were to be distributed to Letterman, Mare Island, Oak Knoll, Treasure Island and Fort Miley hospitals by the local B'nai B'rith Lodge.

Southern Pacific employees were to gather in the rear of the S. P. offices at 65 Market-st this morning for the company's annual Christmas program.

SERVICEMEN WELCOME

An open invitation to service personnel stationed throughout the Bay Area has been issued by the seven San Francisco U. S. O.s for parties, dances and breakfast today and tomorrow. Centers are at 166 Embarcadero, Fremont and Harrison-sts, 111 O'Farrell-st, 989 Market-st, 70 Oak-st, 1530 Buchanan-st, and the Presidio.

The Army will hold Christmas programs at Fort Miley, Fort Mason, Oakland Army Base, and the Presidio.

Teen-age dances, beginning at 8 p. m., will be held throughout the week at district playgrounds and community houses, under the auspices of the City Recreation Department.

The San Francisco Advertising Club will hold its annual Christmas Party tomorrow night at the Bal Tabarin.

YULE EVENTS TAKING SHAPE

Carols to Be Sung In Union Square

Downtown San Francisco will glow with Christmas lights and echo with the ancient carol with the revival Christmas Eve of the traditional Yuletide program in Union Square.

Sponsored by the Downtown Association of San Francisco, the celebration will feature John Charles Thomas, operatic baritone, in a concert of Christmas songs. The program will include chorused carols, music by the Municipal Band and a tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Thomas is to sing from 4:45 to 5:15 p. m. with the program scheduled from 3:30 to 6 p. m.

U. S. O. OPEN HOUSES

Open house for all service personnel stationed in the Bay Area will be held Christmas Eve in the seven San Francisco U. S. O. clubs located at 166 Embarcadero, Fremont and Harrison-sts, 111 O'Farrell-st, 989 Market-st, 70 Oak-st, 1530 Buchanan-st and the Presidio Y. M. C. A. The U. S. O.s have also planned special parties and events Christmas Day.

Patients at the Mare Island Navy Hospital will hear carols Sunday night by the Apostleship Girls' Choir which also will present a concert and take part in a Christmas Eve midnight mass at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

The Thorson dance group and guest artists will present a special Christmas dance program at 8:30 tomorrow and Sunday nights at the Marine's Memorial Theater. Proceeds will go to the Lucinda Weeks Foundation for handicapped children.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

San Francisco Post 152, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and its auxiliary, will entertain patients at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital at 1 p. m. Sunday. Morris Kreider and Bertha Winston are in charge of entertainment.

Christmas "pilgrimages" to Bay Area veterans hospitals and military posts have been planned next week by Aerie No. 5, Fraternal Order of Eagles under the chairmanship of President Ralph J. McGill and William P. Kyne. Beginning at 6 Christmas Eve with entertainers and gifts, Eagles will tour Letterman, Oak Knoll, Livermore, and other nearby hospitals.

More than 4500 Elks and their families are expected at the annual Christmas High Jinks tonight at the San Francisco lodge clubhouse. The program will open at 6 with a dinner after which singing and entertainment is scheduled.

LEGION PARTY

Monday evening has been set by the Zane-Irwin Post of the American Legion for its annual Christmas tree party in the Veterans' Auditorium, War Memorial Building. Frank Hart heads the Christmas committee.

More Christmas gifts will be distributed to Bay Area military hospital by the Post War Service and Americanism Committee of the San Francisco Lodge 21, of B'nai B'rith. Among gifts are electric phonographs, a book mobile and a ceiling projector. The organization also plans an entertainment program at Letterman Dec. 26.

After sending through more than three million pounds of turkey for overseas Christmas celebration, the San Francisco Port of Embarkation has planned its own first full scale Yuletide observance since 1940. Under the direction of Mrs. N. M. McKay, wife of the commandant, the post has scheduled a Christmas tree party Monday night and special music programs and a dinner Christmas Day.

The Port Mason Officers Club will hold open house Christmas Eve and a Junior Hop Dec. 27.

Get Your Letter Yet? There's Still Time to Aid GI Christmas

Have you received this letter of appreciation yet?

"On behalf of the thousands of servicemen and veterans in the military and veterans hospitals in this county, the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee expresses sincere thanks for your contribution. Again you have shown that some have not forgotten."

"We thank you for the help you are giving to those who have given so much for us and know that the happiness made possible by your donation will make the holiday season more enjoyable to you."

TWO DAYS REMAIN

This letter is sent by the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee to all donors to its fund. There is still time—just two days, however—for you to buy a share in a veteran's happiness this Christmas and thereby "make the holiday season more enjoyable to you."

This is the 22nd consecutive Christmas the committee has provided decorations, entertainment, and gifts for wounded veterans in Alameda County veterans' hospitals. It was organized in 1924 as a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian group to provide Yuletide cheer for World War I patients at the Livermore hospital, but since that time has expanded its activities. During the war, the committee placed all military hospitals in the county on its list, caring for over 11,000 patients last year.

Already this year the committee has decorated the Veterans' Hospital, Oakland, the Veterans' Hospital, Livermore, and the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital with wreaths, garlands, trees and other traditional trimmings. Entertainment groups have been contracted to provide music, comedy and variety acts at the hospital open houses Christmas Eve and throughout Christmas Day in the wards and dining halls.

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

A committee Santa Claus will distribute individual gifts to each patient Christmas morning.

R. C. Bitterman, 1946 committee president, made a last minute appeal yesterday for donors to put the drive over its \$25,000 goal, with only two days left until Christmas some \$3000 is lacking.

Contributions may be sent to the Veterans' Hospitals' Christmas Committee, Veterans Memorial Building, Oakland, or deposited in the committee contributions booth in the Central Bank, 14th Street and Broadway.

Memory Post 399, American Legion	50.00
Mac Shepard	5.00
Del Norte Unit 175, American Legion Auxiliary	10.00
McKinley P-TA	5.00
O. A. Hancock	5.00
Joe Berns and Sons, Santa Rita	5.00
Auto Wreckers	5.00
E. F. Hill	1.00
Garberville Unit 494, American Legion Auxiliary	5.00
Mrs. Douglas Stafford	5.00
Dicka Klein	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
Virginia and Robert Campbell	1.00
Campanile Post 402, American Legion	50.00
A. Mother	1.00
Anonymous	15.00
Lieut. L. F. Muth Auxiliary 2487, VFW	5.00
Memory of Robert Bennett	25.00
Ambrose D. Regalia Post 6298, VFW	25.00
Oakland Chapter 23, Military Order of the Purple Heart	5.00
Arnold C. Anderson and Ethel Ann Anderson	10.00
Patricia Institute 79, YLI	2.50
Employees of Oleum Refinery	45.00
Veritas Parlor 75, NDGW	10.00
Mrs. Laura Cortelyan and Mrs. M. Layton	5.00
Everette M. Heppburn	10.00
Post System for Feet	5.00
H. C. Capwell Warehouse Club	37.50
Peterbilt Motors Co. Employees	25.00
Mrs. Chelton Hill	5.00
John and Kathleen W. Amaral	5.00
International Assn. of Machinists, Lodge 1566	50.00
Henry F. Greenfield	2.00
Alice W. Wilson	10.00
Charles J. Leighton	5.00
Mrs. W. G. McMurray	5.00
San Leandro Post 117, American Legion	50.00
Washington Township Post 195, American Legion	10.00
Benefit Flight, December 18, 1946	758.57
San Leandro Chapter, American Veterans Committee	5.00
A. Friend	1.00
Mrs. Arthur B. Staples	1.00
The Jewish Cultural Society	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Hill Jr.	1.00
Mrs. Howard J. Hart	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin	2.00
Mrs. G. B. Hegardt	3.00
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	2.00
Hamilton Jr. High School Faculty	20.00
Mrs. Charles Talge	1.00
Weldon E. Wasson	2.50
Lassen View Parlor 98, NDGW	5.00
A. M. Palmer	5.00
Mrs. Wood Soanes	5.00
E. Gordon Fletcher, M.D.	10.00
Anonymous	2.00
Ben Terrell	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Devries	1.00
Mrs. Olin	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
W. T. Zauche	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Cooley	10.00
Jerry Owens	1.00
Mrs. George S. Backus	5.00
Mabel Fletcher	5.00
F. M. Lane	5.00
Mrs. G. Exely	5.00
G. W. Harrington	5.00
Miss H. E. Kuss	1.00
Ira K. Pothergill	1.00
Mrs. F. E. Young	1.00
A. S. D.	5.00
Revelers Section, Women's Club	25.00
San Leandro Scrap Book Workers	5.00
Jar Collections, Central Bank	24.08
Scimitar Club	5.00



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'Sad Sack' in Visit Here

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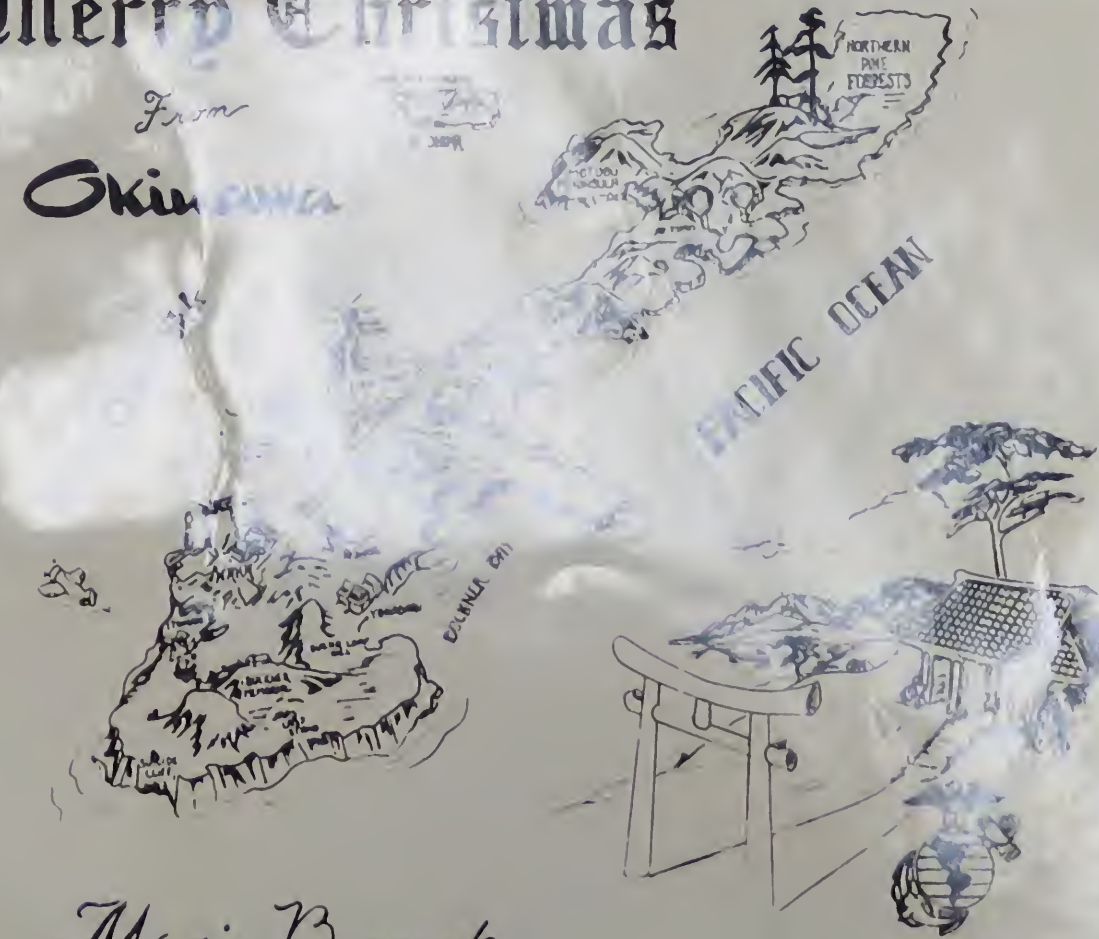
After a visit with the Mayor, the roving cutup, officially listed as Lt. Marvin Joel Betnun, United States Army Medical Corps, paid calls at Letterman General Hospital and the Oakland Naval Hospital.

Betnun drives his own jeep and entertains with accordion and ad lib songfests using his own comic song book. His tour is under sponsorship of B'nai B'rith, national Jewish service organization, and the Veterans Administration. He has completed about 80,000 miles of a projected 100,000 mile tour.

Arrangements for his visit here were made by Mayer Licht, chairman of the postwar service committee of the San Francisco B'nai B'rith chapter.

Merry Christmas

From
Okinawa



Marine Barracks

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Barry Cameron	10.00
East Bay Navy Auxiliary 3765 VFW	10.00
Joseph E. Welch	5.00
D. L. Fitzmaurice	5.00
Anna Mosegaard	3.00
Fred H. Palmer	5.00
Rex Ish Post No. 28, American Legion	20.00
Mrs. John W. Orlerson	3.00
Annie G. Donahue	10.00
D. J. Pampco	5.00
P. B. S. Commando	2.00
Jack Fallo	1.00
Danish Relief Society of East Bay Cities	25.00
Henrietta Treadwell	7.50
Operating Engineers Local Union 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers	5.00
John Brenner Co.	50.00
W. K. Hughes	1.00
S. E. Emberson	2.50
T. H. Goodspeed	2.00
Bert S. Hubbard	10.00
Elapome Parlor No. 55, NDGW	5.00
Len Hop Co.	2.00
Amador Post No. 108, American Legion	10.00
Clerks and Lumber Handlers Union 239	25.00
Dr. B. M. Palmer	2.00
Evelyn M. Raubinger	10.00
Union Labor Post, No. 1917 VFW	2.50
De Guadalupe Institute No. 74, YLI	5.00
Harry W. Shepherd	10.00
O'Reilly-Bluet Auxiliary No. 1765, VFW	5.00
Lafayette Unit No. 517, American Legion Auxiliary	10.00
Leslie L. Garralt Post, No. 6359, VFW	1.00
A. L. G. Jr.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Mooney	10.00
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Santa's Preview for Legion Kiddies



A sample of what children of legionnaires will find at the Christmas Party of Oakland Post 5, American Legion, to be held at Veterans Memorial Building Sunday afternoon. Ronnie Olson, 16 months, and Dagny Madison, 4 years, look things over with Robert Rishell, member of the post Christmas committee. Children of patients at veterans hospitals will be guests, along with legionnaires' youngsters.

Christmas Hospitality Marks Work Of East Bay Welfare Organizations

Christmas hovers over the East Bay—in hospitality centers, military and naval hospitals, veterans organizations, Community Chest services, and welfare groups—all with the organized effort of the several agencies whose purpose it is to see that holiday hospitality reaches every nook and cranny in every community. With hospitalized service men rightly enjoying holiday priority, the Red Cross of Oakland will visit Oak Knoll Hospital on Christmas Day, as a climax to seasonal activities which include the preparation and dispatching of "gifts at sea" packages, as well as the fabrication of gayly decorated Christmas novelties by Junior Red Cross members in military and veterans hospitals and children's homes.

The Veterans Hospitals Christmas Committee as in past years is ready to assure a brighter Christmas to all veterans hospitals in Alameda County, while the Hospitality Centers of Oakland and Berkeley have planned a series of evening parties culminating with an elaborate dinner of the traditional variety on Christmas Day.

Oakland Post 5 of the American Legion has planned Yuletide events with a precise hand, particularly the Kiddies' Christmas party this Sunday afternoon, when more than 250 boys and girls of twelve years or younger will be guests of the post during a visitation by Santa Claus in the person of Elmer P. Zollner, post adjutant. The Christmas committee, headed by T. C. Russell, includes Elmer Clendenin, Thomas Dunn, Bob Rishell, Frank Flynn, A. C. Bryant, Lloyd Groogan, Charles Hallfider, Monte Reid, Harold Baldwin, William Stephens, Helen Gehrke, William High, Al Griswold, Frances Machado and Irving Hazeltine.

During the past few weeks the Holiday Bureau of the Oakland Council of Social Agencies has worked out a plan for the Red Feather agencies of the Community Chest. Through the operation, Christmas hospitality is assured dependents on the various welfare groups, while duplication of services is avoided. And in Berkeley the Mobilized Women have planned a number of events, among which is the Gamboliers Club annual Christmas dinner and dance this Saturday evening. Berkeley schools, too, all during the past week have enjoyed a number of Christmas parties in which pageantry, song and Santa Claus divided interest for pupils.

Memory Post Wins Citation



RECOGNITION—Certificate of meritorious achievement from national Legion headquarters has been presented to Memory Post No. 399, American Legion, of San Jose. Shown with the certificate above, left to right, are Jack Spillard, junior past commander, and C. R. Van Sant, commander.

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The post doubled in membership during the year, according to Commander C. R. Van Sant. It also sponsored the San Jose Community Players; was active in camp and hospital programs; and conducted wrestling matches in the Auditorium, conducted activities at Fort Ord Base Hospital and the Oak Knoll, Livermore. Dibble, Palo Alto Veterans', and Oakland Veterans' Hospitals.

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Hospital Party At Oak Knoll Views Vaudeville

Patients at Oak Knoll Sanatorium had their Christmas party Monday, December 23, highlighted by local and bay area dancing, musical, and dramatic performers in a variety show commencing at 3 p. m.

Four of the entertainers, Charlie Aaron, master of ceremonies at the 365 Club in San Francisco; Cy Aaron, radio's Sundown Serenader; George Aaron, Oakland singer, and Pattie Aaron, young Oakland dancer, are brothers and sister of Mrs. Emily Lacy, one of the sanatorium patients. Other members of the show's cast were Ken Kenworthy, Santa Rosa, who offered several banjo selections and vocal numbers, and Grace Stone, Santa Rosa, who gave a Christmas reading.

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